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IMPEACHMENT.

The Trial of the President Commenced in the Senate.

Gen. Butler's Opening Speech for the Prosecution.

The Managers Ready to Introduce the Testimony.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 30.

The precious tickets were all used to-day. The spectators came at their leisure, however, and it was quite 1 o'clock before the bearers of the coveted pasteboard had all found their seats, but when found, it was worth while to make a note of it, because the galleries were fuller than on any previous day of the trial. The Senate met for legislative business at 11 o'clock, and took up the question of removing the political disabilities of Mr. RODERICK R. BUTLER, Radical Member of Congress from Tennessee, which was a dry subject for the aforesaid spectators, who buzzed their voices and fluttered their ribbons and flirted their fans until the elegant presiding officer of the Senate thought there was a gentle typhoon whistling all the leaves in Vallambrosa, and he was forced to repeat his warnings by the savage raps of his gavel, "That there was too much confusion in the galleries;" but the galleries bore the stupidity of the proceedings with commendable patience, knowing that, like all other things, it would have an end. They employed the interim—I mean the ladies, of course, who were in their usual two-thirds majority—in scanning the new comers and their toilets, particularly here and there a new bonnet, frail *souvenir* of New-York's fashionable opening day, in quizzing with their opera glasses the Senators, the diplomats and the reporters, which liberty was reciprocated by several of the latter who esteem themselves eligible chances for some of the aforesaid young ladies, and in guessing whether the dignified Chief Justice would really appear personally in his gown, or by a piece of paper in the shape of another protest.

DISTINGUISHED PERSONS PRESENT.

At 12:30 waiting impatience was relieved by the usual message to the House that the Senate was ready to proceed with the trial. The House promptly appeared in response to the summons, in that solemn procession of the Committee of the Whole, with the Father of the House at its head, which will be the daily routine henceforth to the end of the trial. The dispositions on the floor were substantially unchanged. The same faces were in the same places. The tables for the counsel were brought out a little farther from the Chief Justice, so as to be in better view of the chamber and galleries. Here and there was the new face of a distinguished personage, entitled by privilege to the floor of the Senate. By the main door, CARL SCHURZ, fresh from an interview with BISMARCK, and a distant view of the red Republican battle-groud of forty-eight and nine. He is chatting with Gen. HALBERT PAINE. The elegant gentleman and maimed hero of Port Hudson, close by, is Special Commissioner WELLS, weighing with statistical accuracy the effect of extreme political measures upon the revenue of the country. Coming modestly in by a side door is Col. MOORE, the President's confidential secretary. In the diplomatic gallery are the thoughtful faces of GEROLT and WETTERSTEDT, the able and old-time representatives of Prussia and Sweden, the business-like face and form of the new English Minister, EDWARD THORNTON, Esq., the French representative of H's Majesty the Sultan, RLAQUE BEY, and Gen. THOMAS KIRBY SMITH, United States Consul at PANAMA, on apparently a permanent leave of absence. A hasty glance around the galleries reveals on the right, within the space of a brief triangle, Gen. DENT and Col. PARKER, of Gen. GRANT's Staff, with Dr. SEARS, the Postmaster at Richmond, and brother-in-law to the General. Still further to the right Mrs. Senator MORGAN, and still further EX-Congressman HART, of Rochester. On the left a bright, radiant array of women, four-fifths of whom are the families of Senators and Representatives. Such is the audience to-day, and until the ticket system is abandoned, such will be the audiences. On principle, and for the sake of personal comfort to those dispensing the tickets, that system ought to be abolished. For respectability of attendance and the preservation of order that system cannot be improved.

THE COURT CALLED TO ORDER.

The Chief Justice was promptly in his place at 1 o'clock. The usual formalities were quickly over, and the credulous people who expect foolish things of the sagacious Judge are reluctant to confess themselves disappointed, as he announces the Court ready for the next step in the case, which is the opening for the prosecution by Mr. Manager BUTLER. Immediately all attention is riveted on that gentleman. A pile of manuscript is before him, which indicates that the reading of the argument will divest it of much of the nervous and forcible style of the speaker's extempore efforts. The correspondents drop their pencils, for they know that their labor has been anticipated, and the errors of the telegraph guarded against by the advance transmission of a copy of the argument to New-York by mail last night. So you will have read it before it is delivered here, and the necessity for comment is obviated. The first hour is devoted chiefly to the chief indictment, covering the first article charging violation of the Tenure of Office act. It is an able, strong, dry presentation of the legal aspect of the case, and by 2 o'clock many in the galleries, disappointed because of the absence of the personal piquancy of BUTLER's usual style, begin to vacate their seats, but the attention of every lawyer and member of either House and Senate is riveted by the close, cogent reasoning of the speaker as he advances from article to article. By 2 o'clock and forty minutes Mr. BUTLER had reached the ninth article, and here began to manifest more of that biting sarcasm in which he is such an adept. He dissected the alleged designs of the President in sending for and consulting Gen. EMORY with an unsparing hand, but his powers of invective, ridicule and partisan fierceness were reserved for the pet creation of his own mind, the tenth article. Those who went away during the first hour because the argument was a dry, legal one, missed the most entertaining part of it. The President's utterances on that trip were never shown up in a light better calculated to portray and heighten their gross impropriety. BUTLER did his best, and at more than one point it was impossible to suppress an audible smile among the listeners, and at others there was a profound sensation at the bold, audacious and extraordinary anathemas, hurled without mercy at the incumbent of the Presidential chair.

Just before 3 o'clock, Mr. BUTLER appearing considerably exhausted, Senator WILSON moved a recess of ten minutes, for which the speaker thanked him earnestly. Resuming his argument, he soon passed to the eleventh and last article, and shaped his conclusions into a formidable bulwark, designed to resist the onset of the defence. Whatever may be its nature, at three o'clock and forty-five minutes Mr. BUTLER concluded, thanking the Senators for their close attention, having been listened to throughout with the utmost patience and interest.

So far as I have heard any opinion expressed to-night it is to the effect that the effort of Mr. BUTLER more than meets the anticipations of his friends. But as it is before the public, to the extent of ten or fifteen of your solid columns, the public may read and judge.

Mr. BINGHAM immediately announced that the Managers were ready to proceed with their evidence if the Court should prolong its session to-night, and that Mr. WILSON was charged with the conduct of the examination. "Go on," "go on," said SUMNER and others. Thereupon Mr. WILSON proceeded to present the record evidence in the case—first, the oath of office of the President, regularly attested; second, the nomination of Mr. STANTON as Secretary of War by President LINCOLN; third, the action of the Senate thereon; fourth, the message of the President of the 12th of December last, notifying the Senate of the suspension of the President, and giving his reasons therefor. As this was somewhat long, Mr. WILSON said he would not read it, unless insisted upon. "Read it," demanded Mr. STANBERY; "read it," echoed Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON. Mr. WILSON began, and after getting about half through Mr. SHERMAN, at 4:20, being anxious to have the second conference report on the Tax bill acted upon, moved that the reading be suspended and the Court adjourn.

Mr. STANBERY then said they would waive the further reading of the message. The Court adjourned and the Senate went on with its legislative business.

THE COURT OF IMPEACHMENT.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 30.

The trial of President JOHNSON on the impeachment charges presented by the House, was resumed in the Senate today. The hour for commencing proceedings having arrived, the President *pro tempore* vacated his seat in favor of the Chief Justice, and the Sergeant-at-arms made the proclamation commanding silence, and the President's counsel entered and took their seats as before.

At 12:35 o'clock, the Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Managers on the part of the House of Representatives, who took their places, with the exception of Mr. STEVENS, who entered soon afterward, and took a seat slightly apart from the Managers' table.

The House of Representatives was then announced, and the members appeared, headed by Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, on the arm of the Clerk of the House, and were seated.

The minutes of the last day of the trial were then read.

Mr. BUTLER commenced his opening speech at 12:45 o'clock.

MR. BUTLER'S SPEECH.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The onerous duty has fallen to my fortune to present to you, imperfectly as I must, the several propositions of fact and law upon which the House of Representatives will endeavor to sustain the cause of the people against the President of the United States, now pending at your bar. The high station of the accused, the novelty of the proceeding, the quantity of the business, the importance of the questions to be presented to your adjudication, the possible momentous result of the issues, each and all must plead for me to claim your attention for as long a time as your patience may endure. Now, for the first time in the history of the world, has a nation brought before its highest tribunal its chief executive magistrate for trial and possible deposition from office, upon charges of maladministration of the powers and duties of that office. In other times, and in other lands, it has been found that despotisms could only be tempered by assassination, and nations living under constitutional governments even, have found no mode by which to rid themselves of a tyrannical imbecile, or faithless ruler, save by overturning the very foundation and framework of the government itself. And, but recently, in one of the most civilized and powerful governments of the world, from which our own institutions have been largely modeled, we have seen a nation submit for years to the rule of an insane King, because its constitution contained no method for his removal. Our fathers, more wisely, founding our Government, have provided for such and all similar exigencies a conservative, effective and practical remedy by the constitutional provision that the "President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of treason, bribery, or other crimes and misdemeanors." The Constitution leaves nothing to implication, either as to the person on whom, or the body by whom, or the tribunal before which, or the offences for which, or the manner in which this high power should be exercised; each and all are provided for by express words of imperative command. The House of Representatives shall solely impeach, the Senate only shall try; and the sole effect of conviction on the judgment alone shall be removal from office, and disqualification for office, one or both.

These mandatory provisions became necessary to adapt a well-known procedure of the mother country to the institutions of the then infant Republic. But a single incident only of the business was left to construction, and that concerns the offences or incapacities which are the groundwork of impeachments. This was wisely done, because human foresight is inadequate, and human intelligence fails in the task of anticipating and providing for, by positive enactment, all the infinite gradations of human wrong and sin by which the liberties of a people and the safety of a nation may be endangered from the imbecility, corruption and unhallowed ambition of its rulers. It may not be uninstructive to observe that the framers of the Constitution, while engaged in their glorious and, I trust, ever-enduring work, had their attention aroused and their minds quickened most signally upon this very topic. In the previous year only, Mr. BURKE, from his place in the House of Commons, in England, had preferred charges for impeachment against WARREN HASTINGS, and three days before our Convention sat he was impeached at the bar of the House of Lords for misbehavior in office as the ruler of a people whose numbers were counted by millions. The mails were then bringing across the Atlantic, week by week, the eloquent accusations of BURKE, the gorgeous and burning denunciations of SHERIDAN in behalf of the oppressed people of India against one who had wielded over them more than regal power. May it not have been that the trial then in progress was the determining cause why the framers of the Constitution left the description of offences because of which the conduct of an officer might be inquired of to be defined by the laws and usages of Parliament, as found in the precedents of the mother country, with which our fathers were as familiar as we are with our own?

IMPEACHABLE OFFENCES.

In the light, therefore, of these precedents, what are impeachable offences under the provisions of our Constitution? To analyze, to compare, to reconcile these precedents is a work rather for the closet than the forum. In order, therefore, to spare your attention I have preferred to state the result to which I have arrived, and that you may see the authorities and discussions, both in this country and in England, from which I deduce our propositions, so far as applicable to this case, I pray leave to lay before you, at the close of my argument, a brief of all the precedents and authorities upon this subject in both countries, for which I am indebted to the exhaustive and learned labors of my friend, Hon. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, of Ohio, member of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, in which I fully concur, and which I adopt. We define, therefore, an impeachable high crime or misdemeanor to be one, in its nature or consequences, subversive of some fundamental or essential principle of government, or highly prejudicial to the public interest, and this may consist of a violation of the Constitution, of law, of an official oath, or of duty, by an act committed or omitted, or without violating a positive law by the abuse of discretionary powers from improper motives, or for any improper purpose.

The first criticism which will strike the mind on a cursory examination of this definition is that some of the enumerated acts are not within the common law definition of crimes. It is but common learning that in the English precedents the words "high crimes and misdemeanors" are universally used; but any misdemeanor in office, highly prejudicial to the public interest, or subversive of some fundamental principle of government by which the safety of a people may be in danger, is a high crime against the nation, as the term is used in parliamentary law. HALLAM, in his *Constitutional History of England*, certainly deduces this doctrine from the precedents, and especially Lord DANBY, case 11, State trials 600, of which he says:

The Commons, in impeaching Lord DANBY, went a great way towards establishing the principle that no minister can shelter himself behind the tarone by pleading obedience to the orders of his Sovereign. He is answerable for the justice, the honesty, the utility of all measures emanating from the Crown, as well as for their legality; and thus the Executive Administration is, or ought to be, subordinate in all great matters of policy to the superintendence and virtual control of the two Houses of Parliament.

Mr. CHRISTIAN, in his notes to the Commentaries of BLACKSTONE, explains the collocation and use of the words "high crimes and misdemeanors," by saying: When the words "high crimes and misdemeanors" are used in prosecutions by impeachment, the words "high crimes" have no definite signification, but are used merely to give greater solemnity to the charge. A like interpretation must have been given by the framers of the Constitution, because a like definition to ours was in the mind of Mr. MADISON, to whom more than to any other we are indebted for the phraseology of our Constitution, for, in the first Congress, when discussing the power to remove an officer by the President, which is one of the very material questions before the Senate at this moment, he uses the following words:

The danger consists mainly in this: that the President can displace from office a man whose merits require that he should be continued in it. In this place he will be impeachable by the House for such an act of maladministration, for I contend that the wanton removal of meritorious officers would subject him to impeachment and removal from his own high trust.

Strengthening this view, we find that within ten years afterward impeachment was applied by the very men who framed the Constitution to the acts of public officers, which, under no common-law definition, could be justly called crimes or misdemeanors, either high or low. Leaving, however, the correctness of our proposition to be sustained by the authorities we furnish, we are naturally brought to the consideration of the method of the procedure and the nature of the proceedings in cases of impeachment, and the character and powers of the tribunal by which high crimes and misdemeanors are to be adjudged or determined.

THE SENATE NOT A COURT—THE IMPEACHMENT CHARGES.

One of the important questions which meets us at the outset is: Is this proceeding a trial, as that term is understood, so far as relates to the rights and duties of a court and jury upon an indictment for crime? Is it not rather more in the nature of an inquest office? The Constitution seems to have determined it to be the latter, because, under its provisions the right to retain a hold office is the only subject that can be finally adjudicated; all preliminary inquiry being carried on solely to determine that question and that alone. All investigations of fact are in some sense trials, but not in the sense in which the word is used by courts.

Again, as a correlative question: Is this body now sitting to determine the accusation of the House of Representatives against the President of the United States, the Senate of the United States, or a court? I trust, Mr. President and Senators, I may be pardoned for making some suggestions upon these topics, because to us it seems these are questions not of forms, but of substance. If this body here is a court in any manner as contradistinguished from the Senate, then we agree that many if not all the analogies of the procedures of courts must obtain; that the common law incidents of a trial in court must take place; that you may be bound in your proceedings and adjudication by the rules and precedents of the common statute law; that the interest, bias, or preconceived opinions or affinities to the party, or the judges, may be open to inquiry, and even the rules of order and decorum in courts shall have effect; that the Managers of the House of Representatives must conform to those rules as they would be applicable to public or private prosecutors of crime in courts, and that the accused may claim the benefit of the rule in criminal cases, that he may only be convicted when the evidence makes the fact clear beyond reasonable doubt, instead of by a preponderance of the evidence.

We claim and respectfully insist that this tribunal has none of the attributes of a judicial court as they are commonly received and understood. Of course, this question must be largely determined by the express provisions of the Constitution, and in it there is no word, as is well known to you, Senators, which gives the slightest coloring to the idea that this is a court, save that in the trial of this particular respondent the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court must preside. But even this provision can have no determining effect upon the question, because, is not this the same tribunal in all its powers, incidents and duties, when other civil officers are brought to its bar for trial, when the Vice-President (not a judicial officer,) must preside? Can it be contended for a moment that this is the Senate of the United States when sitting on the trial of all other officers, and a court only when the President is at the bar? Solely because in this case the Constitution has designated the Chief Justice as the presiding officer? The fact that Senators are sitting for this purpose on oath or affirmation does not influence the argument, because it is well understood that that was but a substitute for the obligation of honor under which, by the theory of the British Constitution, the peers of England were supposed to sit in like cases. A peer of England makes answer in a court of chancery upon honor, where a common person must answer upon oath. But our fathers, sweeping away all distinctions of caste, required every man alike, acting in a solemn judicial proceeding like this, to take an oath. Our Constitution holds all good men alike honorable and entitled to honor.

The idea that this tribunal was a court seems to have crept in because of the analogy of similar proceedings in trials before the House of Lords. Analogies have ever been found deceptive and illusory. Before such analogy is invoked, we must not forget that the Houses of Parliament at first, and latterly the House of Lords, claimed and exercised jurisdiction over all crimes, even when the punishment extended to life and limb. By express provision of our Constitution all such jurisdiction is taken from the Senate, and "the judicial power of the United States is vested in the Supreme Court and such inferior courts as from time to time Congress may ordain and establish. We suggest, therefore, that we are in the presence of the Senate of the United States convened as a Constitutional tribunal, to inquire into and determine whether ANDREW JOHNSON, because of misconduct in office, is longer fit to retain the office of President of the United States, or hereafter to hold any office of honor or profit. I respectfully submit that thus far your mode of proceeding has no analogy to that of a court. You issue a summons to give the respondent notice of the case pending against him; you do not sequester his person; you do not require his personal appearance, even; you proceed against him, in his absence, and determine his cause in his absence, and make the final order therein? How different is each step from those of ordinary criminal procedure. A Constitutional tribunal solely, you are bound by no law, either statute or common, which may limit your Constitutional prerogative. You consult no precedent save those of the law and customs of parliamentary bodies. You are a law unto yourself, bound only by the natural principles of equity and justice, and that *salus populi suprema est lex*. Upon these principles and parliamentary law no Judges can aid you, and indeed in late years the Judges of England in the trial of impeachment, declined to speak to a question of parliamentary law, even at the request of the House of Peers, although they attended on them in their robes of office.

Nearly five hundred years ago, in 1388, the House of Lords resolved, in the case of Belknap and the other Judges, "That these matters, when brought before them, shall be discussed and adjudged by the course of Parliament, and not by the civil law, nor by the common law of the realm used in other inferior courts." And that resolution, which was in contravention of the opinion of all the Judges of England, and against the remonstrance of RICHARD II., remains the unquestioned law of England to this day.

THE RIGHT OF CHALLENGE DENIED.

Another determining quality of this tribunal, distinguishing it from a court and the analogies of ordinary legal proceedings, and showing that it is a Senate only, is, that there can be no right of challenge by either party to any of its members for favor, malice, affinity, or interest. This has been held from the earliest times in Parliament, even when that was the high judicature for the realm, sitting to punish all crimes against the peace. In the case of the Duke of Somerset, (1 Howell's State Trials, p. 821,) as early as 1551, it was held that the Duke of Northumberland and the Marquis of Northampton and the Earl of Pembroke, for an attempt upon whose lives Somerset was on trial, should sit in judgment upon him against the objection of the accused, because "a peer of the realm might not be challenged." Again, the Duke of Northumberland, (*ibid*, first State Trials, p. 765,) Marquis of Northampton and Earl of Warwick, on trial for their lives, A. D. 1553, before the Court of the Lord High Steward of England, being one of the prisoners, inquired whether any such persons as were equally culpable in that crime, and those by whose letters and commandments he was directed in all his doings, might be his judges, or pass upon his trial as to death. It was answered that, "If any were as deeply to be touched as himself in that case, yet as long as no attainder of record were against them, they were nevertheless persons able in the law to pass upon any trial, and not to be challenged therefore, but at the Prince's pleasure. Again, on the trial of Earls of Essex and Southampton (Ibid., 1 State Trials, p. 1,335) for high treason, before all the Justices of England, A. D. 1600, the Earl of Essex desired to know of my Lord Chief Justice whether he might challenge any of the peers or no. Whereunto the Lord Chief Justice answered, "No." Again, in Lord AUDLEY's case, (ibid., 2 State Trials, page 402, A. D. 1631,) it was questioned whether a peer might challenge his peers, as in the case of common jurats. It was answered by all the judges, after consultation, "he might not." [This case is of more value because it was an indictment for being accessory to rape upon his own wife, and had no political influence whatever.] The same point was ruled in the Countess of Essex's case, on trial for treason. (Moore's Reports, 621.) In the Earl of Portland's case, A. D. 1701, (ibid, State Trials, page 288,) the Commons objected that Lord SOMERSET, the Earl of Oxford and Lord HALIFAX, who had been impeached by the Commons before the House of Lords, for being concerned in the same acts for which Portland was being brought to trial, voted and acted with the House of Lords in the preliminary proceedings of said trial, and were upon a committee in conference, solemnly resolved "that no lord of Parliament, impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors, can be precluded from voting on any occasion except on his own trial." In the trial of Lord Viscount MELVILLE, A. D. 1806, (ibid, 29 State Trials, page 1,354,) some observations having been made as to the possible bias of some portion of the peers by the counsel for defendant, Mr. WHITBREAD, one of the Managers on the part of the COMMONS, answered as follows:

"My Lords, as to your own court, something has been thrown out about the possibility of a challenge. Upon such a subject it will not be necessary to say more than this, which has been admitted—that an order was given by the House of Commons to prosecute Lord MELVILLE in a court of law where he would have the right to challenge his jurors. * * * What did the noble Viscount then do by the means of one of his friends? * * * From the mouth of that learned gentleman came at last the successful motion 'that HENRY, Viscount of Melville, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors.' I am justified, then, in saying that he is here by his own option. * * * But, my Lords, a challenge to your Lordships! Is not every individual Peer the guardian of his own honor?"

In the trial of WARREN HASTINGS the same point was ruled, or, more properly speaking, taken for granted, for of the more than 150 Peers who commenced the trial, but 29 sat and pronounced the verdict at the close; and some of those were Peers created since the trial began, and had not heard either the opening or much of the evidence; and during the trial there had been by death, succession, and creation, more than 180 changes in the House of Peers, who were his judges.

We have abundant authority, also, on this point, in our own country. In the case of Judge PICKERING, who was tried March, 1804, for drunkenness in office, although undefended in form, yet he had all his rights preserved. This trial being postponed a session, three Senators—SAMUEL SMITH, of Maryland, ISRAEL SMITH, of Vermont, and JOHN SMITH, of New-York,—who had all been members of the House of Representatives, and there voted in favor of impeaching Judge PICKERING, were Senators when his trial came off. Mr. SMITH, of New-York, raised the question asking to be excused from voting. Mr. SMITH, of Maryland, declared

"He would not be influenced from his duty by any false delicacy; that he, for his part, felt no delicacy upon the subject; the vote he had given in the other House to impeach Judge PICKERING would have no influence upon him in the Court; his constituents had a right to his vote, and he would not by any act of his deprive, or consent to deprive, them of that right, but would claim and exercise it upon every question which in any shape might be submitted to the Senate while he had the honor of a seat."

A vote being had upon the question, it was determined that these gentlemen should and vote on the trial. This point was in the affirmative by a vote of 19 to 7, and all the gentlemen sat and voted on every question during the trial. On the trial of SAMUEL CHASE before the Senate of the United States, no challenge was attempted, although the case was decided by an almost strict party vote in high party times, and doubtless many of the members had formed and expressed opinions upon his conduct. That arbitrary Judge, but learned lawyer, knew too much to attempt any such futile movement as a challenge to a Senator. Certain it is that the proprieties of the occasion were not marred by the worse that anomalous proceeding of the challenge of one Senator to another, especially before the defendant had appeared. Nor did the Managers excourt in any manner as courts distinguished from the Senate, then we agree that many if not all the analogies of the procedures of courts must obtain; that the common law incidents of a trial in court must take place; that you may be bound in your proceedings and adjudication by the rules and precedents of the common statute law; that the interest, bias, or preconceived opinions or affinities to the party, or the judges, may be open to inquiry, or even the rules of order and decorum in courts shall have effect; that the Managers of the House of Representatives must conform to those rules as they would be applicable to public or private prosecutors of crime in courts, and that the accused may claim the benefit of the rule in criminal cases, that he may only be convicted when the evidence makes the fact clear beyond reasonable doubt, instead of by a preponderance of the evidence.

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Another determining quality of this tribunal, distinguishing it from a court and the analogies of ordinary legal proceedings, and showing that it is a Senate only, is, that there can be no right of challenge by either party to any of its members for favor, malice, affinity, or interest. This has been held from the earliest times in Parliament, even when that was the high judicature for the realm, sitting to punish all crimes against the peace. In the case of the Duke of Somerset, (1 Howell's State Trials, p. 821,) as early as 1551, it was held that the Duke of Northumberland and the Marquis of Northampton and the Earl of Pembroke, for an attempt upon whose lives Somerset was on trial, should sit in judgment upon him against the objection of the accused, because "a peer of the realm might not be challenged." Again, the Duke of Northumberland, (*ibid*, first State Trials, p. 765,) Marquis of Northampton and Earl of Warwick, on trial for their lives, A. D. 1553, before the Court of the Lord High Steward of England, being one of the prisoners, inquired whether any such persons as were equally culpable in that crime, and those by whose letters and commandments he was directed in all his doings, might be his judges, or pass upon his trial as to death. It was answered that, "If any were as deeply to be touched as himself in that case, yet as long as no attainder of record were against them, they were nevertheless persons able in the law to pass upon any trial, and not to be challenged therefore, but at the Prince's pleasure. Again, on the trial of Earls of Essex and Southampton (Ibid., 1 State Trials, p. 1,335) for high treason, before all the Justices of England, A. D. 1600, the Earl of Essex desired to know of my Lord Chief Justice whether he might challenge any of the peers or no. Whereunto the Lord Chief Justice answered, "No." Again, in Lord AUDLEY's case, (ibid., 2 State Trials, page 402, A. D. 1631,) it was questioned whether a peer might challenge his peers, as in the case of common jurats. It was answered by all the judges, after consultation, "he might not." [This case is of more value because it was an indictment for being accessory to rape upon his own wife, and had no political influence whatever.] The same point was ruled in the Countess of Essex's case, on trial for treason. (Moore's Reports, 621.) In the Earl of Portland's case, A. D. 1701, (ibid, State Trials, page 288,) the Commons objected that Lord SOMERSET, the Earl of Oxford and Lord HALIFAX, who had been impeached by the Commons before the House of Lords, for being concerned in the same acts for which Portland was being brought to trial, voted and acted with the House of Lords in the preliminary proceedings of said trial, and were upon a committee in conference, solemnly resolved "that no lord of Parliament, impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors, can be precluded from voting on any occasion except on his own trial." In the trial of Lord Viscount MELVILLE, A. D. 1806, (ibid, 29 State Trials, page 1,354,) some observations having been made as to the possible bias of some portion of the peers by the counsel for defendant, Mr. WHITBREAD, one of the Managers on the part of the COMMONS, answered as follows:

"My Lords, as to your own court, something has been thrown out about the possibility of a challenge. Upon such a subject it will not be necessary to say more than this, which has been admitted—that an order was given by the House of Commons to prosecute Lord MELVILLE in a court of law where he would have the right to challenge his jurors. * * * What did the noble Viscount then do by the means of one of his friends? * * * From the mouth of that learned gentleman came at last the successful motion 'that HENRY, Viscount of Melville, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors.' I am justified, then, in saying that he is here by his own option. * * * But, my Lords, a challenge to your Lordships! Is not every individual Peer the guardian of his own honor?"

In the trial of WARREN HASTINGS the same point was ruled, or, more properly speaking, taken for granted, for of the more than 150 Peers who commenced the trial, but 29 sat and pronounced the verdict at the close; and some of those were Peers created since the trial began, and had not heard either the opening or much of the evidence; and during the trial there had been by death, succession, and creation, more than 180 changes in the House of Peers, who were his judges.

We have abundant authority, also, on this point, in our own country. In the case of Judge PICKERING, who was tried March, 1804, for drunkenness in office, although undefended in form, yet he had all his rights preserved. This trial being postponed a session, three Senators—SAMUEL SMITH, of Maryland, ISRAEL SMITH, of Vermont, and JOHN SMITH, of New-York,—who had all been members of the House of Representatives, and there voted in favor of impeaching Judge PICKERING, were Senators when his trial came off. Mr. SMITH, of New-York, raised the question asking to be excused from voting. Mr. SMITH, of Maryland, declared

"He would not be influenced from his duty by any false delicacy; that he, for his part, felt no delicacy upon the subject; the vote he had given in the other House to impeach Judge PICKERING would have no influence upon him in the Court; his constituents had a right to his vote, and he would not by any act of his deprive, or consent to deprive, them of that right, but would claim and exercise it upon every question which in any shape might be submitted to the Senate while he had the honor of a seat."

A vote being had upon the question, it was determined that these gentlemen should and vote on the trial. This point was in the affirmative by a vote of 19 to 7, and all the gentlemen sat and voted on every question during the trial. On the trial of SAMUEL CHASE before the Senate of the United States, no challenge was attempted, although the case was decided by an almost strict party vote in high party times, and doubtless many of the members had formed and expressed opinions upon his conduct. That arbitrary Judge, but learned lawyer, knew too much to attempt any such futile movement as a challenge to a Senator. Certain it is that the proprieties of the occasion were not marred by the worse that anomalous proceeding of the challenge of one Senator to another, especially before the defendant had appeared. Nor did the Managers exercise the right of challenge, although Senators SMITH and MITCHELL, of New-York, were members of the Senate on the trial, and voted not guilty on every article, who had been members of the House when the articles were found, and had there voted steadily against the whole proceeding.

Judge PECK's case, which was tried in 1831, affords another instance in point. The conduct of Judge PECK had been the subject of much animadversion and comment by the public, and had been for four years pending before the Congress of the United States before it finally came to trial. It was not possible but that many of the Senate had both formed and expressed opinions upon PECK's proceedings, and yet it never occurred to that good lawyer to make objection to his triers. Nor did the Managers challenge, although WEBSTER, of Massachusetts, was a member of the Committee of the House of Representatives to whom the petition for impeachment was referred, and which, after examination, reported thereon "leave to withdraw," and SPRAGUE, of Maine, voted against the proceedings in the House, while LIVINGSTON, of Louisiana, voted for them. All of these gentlemen sat upon the trial, and voted as they did in the House. A very remarkable and instructive case was that of Judge ADDISON, of Pennsylvania, in 1804. There, after the articles of impeachment were framed, the trial was postponed to another session of the Legislature. Meanwhile, three members of the House of Representatives, who had voted for the articles of impeachment, were elected to the Senate and became the triers of the articles of impeachment, of which they had solemnly voted the respondent to be guilty. To their sitting on the trial Judge ADDISON objected, but after an exhaustive argument his objection was overruled, 17 to 6. Two of the minority were the gentlemen who had voted him guilty, and who themselves objected to sitting on the trial. Thus stands the case upon authority. How does it stand upon principle? In conference held in 1691, between the Lords and Commons, on a proposition to limit the number of judges, the Lords made answer:

"That in the case of impeachment, which are the groans of the people, and for the highest crimes, and carry with them a greater supposition of guilt than any other accusation, there all the Lords must judge."

There have been many instances in England where this necessity, that no peer be excused from sitting on such trials, has produced curious results. We have seen the trials of brothers, fathers upon the trials of sons and daughters, uncles upon the trials of nephews and nieces, no excuse being admitted. One, and a most peculiar and painful instance, will suffice upon this point to illustrate the strength of the rule. In the trial of ANNE BULLEN, the wife of one sovereign of England, and the mother of another, her father, Lord ROCHEFORT, and her uncle, the Duke of Norfolk, sat as judges and voted guilty, although one of the charges against the daughter and niece was a criminal intimacy with her brother, the son and nephew of the judges.

It would seem impossible that in a proceeding before such a tribunal so constituted there could be a challenge, because, as the number of triers is limited by law, and as there are not now, and never have been, any provisions either in England or in this country for substituting another for the challenged party, as a talesman is substituted in a jury, the accused might escape punishment altogether by challenging a sufficient number to prevent a quorum, or the accusers might oppress the respondent by challenging all persons favorable to him until the necessary unanimity for conviction was secured. This proceeding being but an inquest of office, and, except in a few rare instances, always partaking, more or less, of political considerations, and required to be discussed, before presentation to the triers, by the co-ordinate branch of the Legislature, it is impossible that Senators should not have opinions and convictions upon the subject-matter more or less decidedly formed before the case reached them. If, therefore, challenges could be allowed to such opinions, as in the case of jurors, no trial could go forward, since every intelligent Senator could be objected to upon one side or the other. I should have hardly dared to trouble the Senate with such minuteness of citation and argument upon this point, were it not that certain persons and papers outside of this body, by sophistries drawn from the analogies of the proceeding in courts below, have endeavored to prejudge, in advance, to prejudice the public mind, but little instructed in this topic, because of the infrequency of impeachments, against the legal validity and propriety of the proceedings upon this trial, I may be permitted, without offence, further to state that these and similar reasons have prevented the Managers from objecting, by challenge or otherwise, to the competency of one of the triers of neutrality to the accused. We have but the right, nay, his duty to the State he represents, to sit upon the trial as he would upon any other matter which should come before the Senate. His seat and vote belong to his constituents, and not to himself, to be used according to his best judgment upon every grave matter that comes before the Senate.

Again, political considerations are involved in this trial, raising questions of interest to the constituents of every Senator, it is his right and duty to express himself as fully and freely upon such questions as upon any other, even to express a belief in the guilt or innocence of the accused, or to say he will sustain him in the course he is taking, although he so says after accusation brought.

Let me illustrate. Suppose that after this impeachment had been voted by a House of Representatives, the constituents of any Senator had called a public meeting to sustain the President against what they were pleased to term the "tyrannical acts of Congress toward him in impeaching him," and should call upon their Senators to attend and take part in such meeting, I do not conceive that it would or ought to be legally objected against him as a disqualification to sit upon this trial upon the principles I have stated, if he should attend the meeting, or favor the object, or if his engagements in the Senate prevented his leaving, I have not been able to find any legal objection in the books to his writing a letter to such meeting, containing, among other things, statements like the following:

SENATE-CHAMBER, Feb. 24, 1868.

GENTLEMEN: My public and professional engagements will be such on the 4th of March that I am reluctantly compelled to decline your invitation to be present and address the meeting to be held in your city on that day.

That the President of the United States has sincerely endeavored to preserve those (our free institutions) from violation, I have no doubt, and I have, therefore, throughout the unfortunate difference of opinion between him and Congress sustained him. And this I shall continue to do so long as he shall prove faithful to duty. With my best thanks for the honor you have done me by your invitation, and regretting that it is not in my power to accept it,

I remain, with regard, your obedient servant,

REVERDY JOHNSON.

We should have as much right to expect his vote on a clearly proven case of guilty as had King HENRY VIII. to hope for the vote of her father against his wife. He got it. King HENRY knew the strength of his case, and we know the strength of ours against this respondent. If it be said that this is an infelicity, it is a sufficient and decisive answer that it is the infelic

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, March 30.

The Senate reassembled at 11 o'clock. The Chaplain asked a blessing upon the Senators, the Executive, the Ministers of State, the officers and privates of the army, and all to whom public trusts are committed, or who have assumed responsibilities in reference to the nation, especially in regard to the great trial. He prayed that God would give grace to his servant presiding over this high Court, wisdom to those managing this important case, and a spirit of justice and righteousness to those with whom rests the issue.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

Mr. EDMUNDS called up the bills to regulate appeals to the Court of Claims, which was amended and postponed until to-morrow.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

Mr. TRUMBULL called up the bill, pending on the adjournment Saturday, to relieve RODERICK R. BUTLER, of Tennessee, from political disabilities.

The question was on Mr. BUCKALEW's amendment to strike out the word "Constitution" from the clause proposing to relieve the disabilities imposed by the Constitution and Reconstruction laws.

Mr. BUCKALEW resumed the floor. He argued that the Reconstruction laws having no application to Tennessee, Mr. BUTLER could not properly be relieved from the disabilities imposed by them. He quoted the testimony taken in behalf of Mr. BUTLER, and discussed his record at length, claiming that he had never rendered any actual military service.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

At 12:10 Mr. BUCKALEW gave way at the suggestion of Mr. SHERMAN, who presented the report of the Committee of Conference on the bill to relieve certain manufactures from Internal tax.

Mr. HENDRICKS moved that the report be laid over and printed.

Mr. SHERMAN urged immediate action, saying everything objectionable to the Senate had been stricken out, and the bill so important to the country would go into effect on Wednesday next.

Several Senators opposed action on the report immediately, and Mr. SHERMAN consented to have it go over, giving notice that he would press it as early as possible.

Mr. HOWE explained that the House only learned this morning that he had been appointed a member of the committee, having received no notice to attend its meetings; that Mr. HOWARD had attended instead.

Mr. STEWART said he had been notified to attend, and had therefore postponed the report.

Mr. SHERMAN, said he, as Chairman, had misapprehended the announcement of the committee, and had therefore notified Mr. HOWARD instead of Mr. HOWE.

Mr. HENDRICKS' motion was modified so as to order the printing simply, and was agreed to.

At 12:50 the President *pro tem.* vacated the chair, which was immediately taken by the Chief Justice, who called the Senate to order for the trial of the President.

[A full report of the impeachment proceedings will be found in other columns of the TIMES this morning.]

At the conclusion of the impeachment proceedings the President *pro tem.* (Mr. WADE) called the Senate to order. On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the Senate again took up the report of the Conference Committee on the bill relative to exempting certain manufactures from internal tax.

Mr. GRIMES asked the Chairman of the Committee, (Mr. SHERMAN,) why they had exempted flour and lumber?

Mr. SHERMAN replied that there was no reason, in his opinion, why those articles should not pay the tax. To say that flour could not pay a tax of two cents a barrel was a species of humbug; but he had yielded rather than peril the bill. He explained the various changes in the amendments, in reply to queries from Messrs. HENDRICKS, FRELINGHUYSEN and others.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, expressed surprise that the Senate should call it humbug to exempt lumber and flour which had been exempted from the beginning. It would be a humbug to tax them now.

Mr. SHERMAN retorted that an equally strong argument could be made for exemption on clothing. They well knew that lumber was consumed mostly by the rich.

Mr. MORRILL said it was desirable to exempt lumber because it affected building, and that very little profit was made on flour.

Mr. GRIMES said the Senator from Vermont (Mr. MORRILL) had repeated exactly the arguments used by himself last year against the tariff on exported lumber. The lumbermen and millers were among the richest men in the country, and this would simply place them on the footing with other manufacturers.

Mr. CONNESS denied that two or three dollars of tariff were added to the price of lumber.

Mr. GRIMES said it was in his section.

Mr. CONKLING condemned the provision in regard to whisky frauds as more liable to abuse than any previous one. The Attorney-General would act upon the representations of the District-Attorney, the very officer against whose malfeasance it was intended to provide. So with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner. He alluded to the New-York system of requiring *nolle prosequi* to be granted in open Court where both sides could be heard and reasons shown. He feared they would be hoisted with their own petard in thus allowing to be done by some Clerk of the Treasury Department in a closet what was not allowed to be done by a Court. They should keep in the proper channels of justice. He did not feel like moving to send the report back, but hoped it would not be taken as a precedent, and that it would be arranged better in a subsequent bill.

Mr. HOWARD reminded the Senator that it has always been in the power of District-Attorneys to enter *nolle prosequi* and discontinue a case, which was one of the greatest sources of corruption and abuse under the administration of our laws.

Mr. CONKLING asked whether the Attorney-General was not as likely to be influenced by the representation of the District-Attorney as a Court would be.

Mr. HOWARD replied that the Court had nothing to do with it. That the District-Attorney had the power, of himself, without asking the Court, and then, if the Court had the power, it was generally influenced by the District-Attorney.

Mr. MORTON said this did not change existing local laws, but simply required, in addition, the supervision of the Attorney-General and the Secretary of the Treasury. He, as a member of the Committee, had agreed to this as the best means he could obtain for the punishment of whisky frauds.

Mr. CONKLIN dissented, holding that this allowed every question to be decided by the *spre dizzi* of two officials, but as it was *aut Cæsar aut nullus*, he supposed they must acquiesce.

Mr. HENDRICKS said he would vote against the report, because of the fifth and last section. He claimed that its effect would be to water the responsibility until there was none, and that there was more check upon District Attorneys in local public opinion, than by this mode. He also held that punishment by both fine and imprisonment would work unjustly in many cases.

The report was then agreed to, and at five minutes past 5 o'clock, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. DAWES presented a petition of JOHN HAMILTON & SON and other citizens of Hampden County, Massachusetts, for the removal of the oppressive tax on petroleum.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Under the call of States for bills and resolutions, Mr. ELIOT introduced a bill relating to third assistant engineers in the Naval Academy, which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

He also presented a memorial of CHARLES G. MAZZARO, President, and other officers of the Board of Trade, and F. W. LINCOLN, JR., THOMAS LAMB and eighty-eight others, merchants and citizens of Boston, praying for legislation in aid of the shipping and carrying trade of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. CHURCHILL introduced a bill to amend the act of March 1, 1792, relative to the vacancies in the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States. Requiring new elections in case of an interval of eighteen months, between the double vacancy and the ordinary termination of the Presidential term, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CHURCHILL introduced a bill supplementary to to the several acts relating to pensions. Referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

NEW-JERSEY AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Mr. HAIGHT presented a joint resolution as to withdrawing the consent of the State of New-Jersey to the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. ELDRIDGE called for the reading of the document.

After the Clerk had commenced the reading, Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, asked the Speaker whether it was in order to move to return the document to the New-Jersey Legislature.

The Speaker said it was not, because all papers presented in the morning hour must be referred without debate.

Mr. WASHBURNE said that if it were in order he would make that motion as a rebuke to a disloyal Legislature.

The Clerk resumed the reading, and was again interrupted by Mr. ELDRIDGE, who said he would not insist on the reading if the resolutions would appear in the *Globe*.

The SPEAKER said the reading might as well be continued now, as the time for going over to the Senate had almost arrived.

Mr. PILE said—Let the document be read, and I object to its being printed.

Mr. WASHBURNE gave notice that he would make a motion to suspend the rules in order that the document might be returned to the New-Jersey Legislature.

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

The SPEAKER, at 12:30, suspended the proceedings, and announced that, in accordance with the resolution, the House would resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House, and headed by its Chairman, (WASHBURNE, of Illinois,) and accompanied by the Clerk, Mr. MCPHERSON, and the Assistant Doorkeeper, BUXTON, would attend the Managers to the Bar of the Senate.

The order was carried out.

The House reassembled at 4:20, when Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois reported that the Committee of the Whole had, according to order, attended the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment for the trial of ANDREW JOHNSON; that progress had been made in the trial and that the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, had adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The SPEAKER said the report would be entered on the Journal, and asked whether the gentleman from Illinois had any suggestion to make as to the hour of meeting to-morrow.

Mr. WASHBURNE suggested that the House should meet at 11:45 o'clock, so as to give time enough to read the Journal.

Mr. BANKS suggested that the House should meet at 11 o'clock.

Mr. SCHENCK said that the Conference Committee on the bill relieving manufacturers from taxation had agreed this morning on a report; that the report had been made to the Senate, and that he had been informed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee that the Senate purposed to take up the report this evening and to dispose of it. He trusted, therefore, that as the bill was to go into effect on the 1st of April, the House would meet to-morrow at 11 or 10:30, in order to dispose of the conference report.

The Speaker asked if there was any objection to the proposition?

Mr. KERR objected.

THE NEW-JERSEY RESOLUTION.

The Speaker said the House would now resume the consideration of the matter which was being read at the time the House went into Committee of the Whole to attend the Managers to the Senate, being the joint resolution of the New-Jersey Legislature, withdrawing its assent to the Constitutional amendment, known as the 14th article.

FILIBUSTERING.

Mr. SCHENCK gave notice that he would move to suspend the rules, so as to provide for a meeting to-morrow at 10:30. He hoped that all interested in the question about manufactures would remain in the Hall.

Mr. ELDRIDGE made the point of order that the gentleman from Ohio could not interrupt the reading of the resolutions by any such notice or remark.

The SPEAKER said that on considering the subject he would rule that as the morning hour on Monday differed from the other morning hours of the week, in that it expired one hour after the reading of the journal, the morning hour had expired, and that the reading of the resolution should go over until next Monday.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois—I move to suspend the rules for the purpose of offering a resolution in reference to the paper presented from New-Jersey.

Mr. BANKS—Let us have the question of adjournment settled first.

The SPEAKER—The paper to which the gentleman alludes is not yet before the House. Its reading was commenced, but it goes over until Monday next.

Mr. SCHENCK—I move to suspend the rules, so as to order a recess till 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. ROSS—I move that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ELDRIDGE called for the yeas and nays.

Mr. SCHENCK remarked that that was filibustering. The yeas and nays were not ordered, and tellers on the yeas and nays were not ordered.

Mr. BANKS suggested that the order for an early meeting of the House should be made as a continuous thing.

Mr. SCHENCK said he understood that this filibustering was to prevent the special thing of passing the bill to relieve manufacturers.

Mr. ELDRIDGE retorted that if the gentleman from Ohio wanted to relieve laborers the members on the Democratic side of the House would go with him.

Mr. SCHENCK—Oh, yes; I understand!

The rules were suspended and the order made for a session to-morrow at 10:30.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illino.s—I move to suspend the rules for the purpose of making the following order:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Legislature of New-Jersey, purporting to withdraw the assent of said State to the constitutional amendment, known as the Fourteenth Article, be returned by the Speaker of the House to the gentleman who presented it, for the reason that the same is disrespectful to the House and scandalous in character, and that its title only shall be be referred to in the journal and in the *Congressional Globe*.

Mr. HAIGHT said he supposed the Chair had already decided that question.

The Speaker said the motion now submitted was different from that before suggested. If this were a simple resolution offered by the gentleman from Illinois, he would rule it unquestionably not in order; but it was a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of making the order. The rules could be suspended at any time, for the purpose of taking a petition from the floor, a committee and of ordering it to be returned to a member; or of taking any other paper, not before the House at all, from the files of the House and sending it to the Senate, or transferring it to any other place whatever. This was a motion to suspend the rules, and was therefore in order.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—The Chair has already decided that the paper is not before the House, and cannot be before the House.

The SPEAKER—The paper is in the custody of the House, and is exactly in the position as if it had been referred by the House to a committee.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—If the resolution is not before the House it is still the property of the gentleman from New-Jersey, (Mr. HAIGHT,) and is in his possession; and I deny the right of the House to take it out of his possession.

The SPEAKER—Unquestionable not; because the Chair ruled upon it before the hour for recess, and the Chair could not have ruled upon if that were so.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—I understand the ruling of the Chair to be, that the resolution was not before the House.

The SPEAKER—That is true; the Chair so ruled, but it was not because the paper was in the possession of the gentleman from New-Jersey.

Mr. ROSS demanded the reading of the resolution of the New-Jersey Legislature.

The Speaker said that the gentleman had not the right to demand its reading.

Mr. ROSS—Certainly, if we are to vote as to its being disrespectful and scandalous, we should have it read.

The SPEAKER—If the gentleman is not satisfied with it, that is a matter which must govern his vote, but he has no right to demand reading of a paper except that which he has to act upon in the House, and which is the resolution offered by the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. BROOKS—I raise the question of order, whether we, who did not happen to be in the House when the paper was read, have not a right to know what it is, and what we are to vote upon, as being scandalous and disrespectful.

The Speaker said the rules presume every member to be in his seat from the meeting to the adjournment of the House, unless when he is absent by leave from the House.

Mr. ELDRIDGE—The gentleman from New-York is no worse off than the rest of us. The document was only partially read, and now we are required to vote to return to the New-Jersey Legislature a resolution as being scandalous, without knowing what it is.

The SPEAKER—The Chair will state, although it is an argument and under the garb of a point of order, that that an argument which addresses itself to the gentleman's vote, and not to the parliamentary condition of the resolution. The resolution offered by the gentleman from Illinois, claims on its face that sufficient has been read to show that that document is disrespectful to the House. Whether that is so or not, it is for the House to determine, not for the Chair to rule upon.

Mr. HAIGHT understood the resolution now before the House, to refer to the language used in the resolution, which he had had the honor to present this morning. That language had not all been read to the House, and the meaning of that which had been read depended very much on that which had not been read.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. ROSS moved that the House adjourn, and Mr. ELDRIDGE demanded the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote resulted yeas 20, nays 79.

The question was then taken on Mr. WASHBURNE's motion to suspend the rules and adopt his resolution.

The vote resulted yeas 80, nays 17. So the rules were suspended and the resolution adopted.

The votes of the New-Jersey members were: Aye —Messrs. Halsey, Hill and Moore; Nay—Mr. Haight. Absent—Mr. Sitgreaves.

When the name of Mr. BROOKS was called, Mr. BROOKS said: I decline to vote. The paper to be voted on has not even been read.

MR. BUTLER'S ARGUMENT.

Mr. SCHENCK moved to suspend the rules to enable him to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the House 5,000 copies of the opening address of Hon. BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, one of the Managers on the part of the House of Representatives on the trial of ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, before the Senate, with the accompanying brief of law authorities; and 40,000 copies without the accompanying brief.

The rules were suspended and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Printing.

DISTRICT COURTS.

Mr. SHANKS introduced a bill authorizing the District Court to be held in the City of Fort Wayne, Ind. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SESSIONS DURING IMPEACHMENT.

Mr. BANKS moved to suspend the rules so as to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That during the week the House will meet each day, except Tuesday, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois—I object, and move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion of Mr. WASHBURNE was agreed to, and the House, at 5:15 o'clock, adjourned to 10:30 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Mr. Dickens' Readings.

The sale of tickets for the farewell course of readings, to be given by Mr. DICKENS on the 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th and 20th prox., was begun yesterday morning at Steinway Hall. The attendance of purchasers was not so numerous as at former sales, and it was noticeable that very few speculators held places in the line. About a score of persons had collected before the door on the previous evening, and after arranging their right of positions, by means of numbered cards, they went away and slept until morning, when they resumed their places in the queue. The box-office opened at 9 A. M. promptly, at which time there were about 100 persons waiting to secure tickets. The seats were sold in their regular order, commencing with the front parquet and running to the second balcony. In two hours the course-tickets had all been disposed of, and from that time until 4 o'clock the clerk was busy in selling single tickets. The sale of these will be resumed this morning at 9 o'clock, and will probably be soon concluded. This course will positively be the last delivered in the United States, prior to Mr. DICKENS' return to Europe in the steamer *Russia*, which is to sail on the 23d of April next.

PERSONAL.—Dr. G. F. LEWIS, late chief clerk in the office of the Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, of Brooklyn, died on Wednesday last of consumption. He received his appointment immediately after the organization of the Board, and was entirely familiar with and deeply interested in all that the Board sought to accomplish in this city. His unobtrusive manner, his self-control, his good judgment and accurate method in all the details of his work peculiarly fitted him for the duties of the position he held.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, and after transacting a quantity of routine business, adjourned to Saturday next.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. STADOM in the chair.

A preamble and resolution were offered to the effect that as it is expedient that property and lease holders should not be kept in doubt as to the time when the widening and extension of Church-street are to take place; that the 1st day of September, 1869, be fixed as the date for the commencement of the work.

It was laid over.

A preamble and resolution were also offered to the effect that as the proprietors of the ferry running from the foot of Forty-second-street, North River, to Weehawken, have failed to comply with the terms of their lease in regard to the running of sound and substantial ferry-boats, at regular intervals, that the Comptroller and Corporation Counsel be directed to take measures to compel the Company to carry out the terms of their lease, or to annul said lease and to relet the franchise of the ferry.

The paper was referred to the Committee on Ferries, and the Board then adjourned to Thursday next.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board met at 1 P. M. yesterday, Mr. BOOKE in the chair.

A message was received from the Mayor vetoing the resolutions to increase the salaries of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions, and of the City Judge, Surrogate and Recorder; also the resolutions to appoint a librarian to the Supreme Court, and a messenger to the Surrogate's office, at a salary of $1,500 each.

The Mayor says in his veto that the law of 1867, forbidding any increase of salaries and creation of new offices evidently applies also to the present year.

The message was laid over.

A resolution to appoint an additional recording clerk in the Surrogate's office, with a salary of $1,200 per annum was referred.

A resolution to appoint a messenger to the Board of Coroners at a salary of $1,500 a year was adopted.

Mr. TWEED offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments be requested to inform the Board what companies and banks are taxed for surplus capital, and on what amount each company or bank is taxed for said surplus.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. TWEED said it would be well that the public should know how much tax the millionaires of New-York, who made such a fuss about taxation, paid on their personal property, and for that purpose he would offer a resolution instructing the Tax Commissioners to furnish the Board with a copy of the personal tax lists for 1868.

The resolution was adopted.

The Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Board of Audit.

The Board met yesterday, Auditors BONNEY, DEPEW, MARTINDALE and CONNOLLY being present.

The Board announced decisions allowing the following claims: The *Tribune* Association, $3,365 50; the same, $9,405 30; New-York *Herald*, $210; the same, $23,226 06; *Journal of Commerce*, $1,857 18; same, $868 55; New-York *Times*, $11,304 67; the same, $3,830 46.

The principal claim presented yesterday was that of Judge MICHAEL CONNOLLY, amounting to $10,000 for personal damages sustained by being thrown from a wagon in Sixth-avenue, near Thirty-ninth-street, in consequence of the vehicle's coming in contact with a pile of paving stones which had been thrown up in the street by parties who were connecting a house sewer with the main sewer.

Judge CONNOLLY testified that the accident occurred on the evening of the 6th of October, 1865, at about 10 o'clock; Dr. WEITBRUCHER was riding with him at the time; he (the witness) did not see the obstructions until the horse had come directly before them; the horse shied so as to bring the off-wheel of the wagon in contact with the s ones, and the result was that the witness was thrown heavily upon the ground, and his horse and wagon damaged. At the time of the accident there was no light placed at the barrier to indicate the obstruction, and the nearest street lamp burning was that at the northeast corner of Thirty-ninth-street. Witness was rendered insensible by the fall; he was taken to a drug-store, and thence by friends to his own residence. In consequence of the injury he was confined to the house for about three months. He suffered from abrasions of the forehead and face and a general concussion of his system; to attend him he had two physicians who pronounced his case a dangerous one; he judged the highest portion of the obstructions to have been five feet in height; that evening he had been to attend a meeting for the nomination of an Assemblyman; his estimate of the damage to his property was $800.

Dr. N. C. Husted testified that he attended the claimant at the time of the accident; he could not say whether he was summoned on the evening of the accident or the following morning; he found Judge CONNOLLY considerably bruised about the forehead and nose; the next day signs of inflammation were visible, which were followed by erysipelas and typhoid fever; Judge CONNOLLY was confined to his bed five or six weeks.

Hugh O'Neill testified that he repaired to the scene of the accident on the morning following its occurrence, and discovered a pile of paving stones thrown up in the street, reaching from the sidewalk to the railroad track, and at the height of about 3½ feet in the centre; there was also a ditch in the street from which the stones had been dug, for the purpose of connecting a house in the locality, No. 666 Sixth-avenue, with the main sewer in the street.

Mr. G. W. Ridge, clerk in the Croton Aqueduct Department, testified to a permit having been granted Mr. J. H. TALLMAN, Oct. 9, 1865, to have the sewer referred to built.

Dr. Samuel Whitehurch testified that he was riding with Judge Connolly at the time the latter was thrown from his wagon. He also gave evidence that there were no proper lights fixed near the obstruction, and that Judge Connolly was seriously injured by the fall. The case was reserved for decision, the Court first explaining that it was important for counsel to show whether the parties who excavated the earth for the sewer were licensed by the City authorities.

The next claim was that of CHARLES VANDERVOORT for $3,474 12, as a balance due him on a contract for building a bell-tower in Fifty-first-street. The sum of $3,956 91 had been paid on the original contract. The case was deferred.

The Board then adjourned till noon to-day.

The Street-cleaning Commission.

The Commission met yesterday. Present, the Mayor, Recorder, Comptroller, and the President of the Board of Health.

Mr. PERRY, Chief Clerk to the contractor, exhibited a diagram showing the amount of work done last month, and the amount still to be done. He also stated that the work of removing ice and snow from the streets was two weeks fowarder than it was at this period of last year. He expected to have the work completed within the next ten days. Over 900 men and 600 carts are now employed by the contractor, and he is willing to employ all the carts he can get.

A letter was read from Mr. PACKARD, Mr. WHITING's bookkeeper, stating that from the 1st of January to the 28th of March 234,000 loads of dirt, snow, ashes, &c., have been removed from the streets. Of these about 4,000 loads were of snow and ice. From Broadway alone 2,500 loads of snow were removed.

The contractor's bills for the month are audited and allowed, and the Commission adjourned.

The East River Bridge.

The subject of building a bridge over the East River was the business of greatest importance before the Common Council of Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of this matter submitted a report, and the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City of Brooklyn does hereby subscribe the sum of three millions of dollars to the capital stock of the New-York Bridge Company upon the following conditions:

1. That the sum of two million of dollars be first subscribed to said capital stock by other parties, and ten per cent. thereon be paid in cash.

2. That all installments or payments on account of such subscriptions be payable proportionately, equally alike by said city and all other subscribers.

3. That the charter of the Company be so amended that the interest of the City be represented in the Board of Directors by three City officers composing the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of Brooklyn for the time being.

Resolved, Upon the compliance with the conditions above mentioned the financial officers of the City be authorized and directed to issue the required bonds of the City, payable at such time not less than thirty years, as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall determine; such bonds to be issued, and the proceeds to be applied to the payment of such subscription from time to time as the instalments thereof shall become due as aforesaid.

The report was signed by Alderman WHITNEY, Chairman, and Aldermen MCGRORARTY, DANIELS and WHITING. Alderman FISHER, the remaining member, did not sign. It was then

Resolved, That the report be printed in the minutes, and made the special order for consideration at 5 o'clock next Monday evening.

On motion of Alderman ARMFIELD, a communication from Mr. OLIVER ROWLAND INGERSOLL, protesting against the adoption of the report, was ordered to be read. Mr. INGERSOLL's reason for protesting was that Mr. ROEBLING had informed him that the bridge could be built for $4,000,000, and that the Company now base their estimates on $8,000,000, an amount which would enable the bridge corporation to put two and a half millions of dollars into their pockets. Mr. INGERSOLL offered to construct the bridge free of cost to the city, provided the Company would transfer their charter to him. After having been read, the communication was laid on the table.

Fire Escapes and the Board of Health.

The difference hitherto existing between Dr. EDWARD B. DALTON, of the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Mr. JAMES M. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of Buildings, relative to the placing of fire-escapes upon tenement-houses, has at last been settled—the parties having come to terms. Hereafter Dr. DALTON's inspector's will report delinquencies of house-owners to Superintendent MACGREGOR's office, thus relieving interested parties from the embarrassment and annoyance of being notified by two departments of the same matter.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

SUICIDE BY A BARKEEPER.—JOSEPH HAMILTON committed suicide at No. 173 West Fourteenth-street, on Sunday by swallowing poison. He was formerly a barkeeper at Wallace's Hotel, in the Bowery, but for some weeks past was out of employment, during which time he acted in a very strange manner, walking about the house and evidently ill at ease. So much annoyance was experienced by the landlady and her family that they were on the point of requesting him to leave. On Sunday morning he came in from the yard, seemingly quite ill, refusing any breakfast and laying down on his bed. Soon after, the landlady discovered that HAMILTON was purple in the face, so she sent for Dr. VANDERPOEL, who pronounced it a case of mineral poisoning, death ensuing during the day despite the application of restoratives. A case-knife, missed from the dining-room a few days ago, was found concealed in his room, which had been sharpened like a razor, thus showing a suicidal intent. Drs. WOOSTER BEACH, KNOX, FINNELL and MORTON made a *post-mortem* examination yesterday, and Coroner KENNAN will hold the inquest to-day. The deceased was evidently of unsound mind, and it was stated yesterday that his mother was in a lunatic asylum. He was a native of Connecticut, where he has relatives residing, and 45 years of age. He was also a member of the Knickerbocker Society, which body will take charge of the remains.

SUICIDE IN A MALT-HOUSE.—Yesterday Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest at Bellevue Hospital, over the body of BERNARD EMMERICH, a German, 28 years of age. The deceased had been laboring for some time under the effects of consumption, and, being in destitute circumstances, had been allowed to sleep in the engine-room of JESSUP's malt-house in Forty-fifth-street, between First and Second avenues. Saturday evening last, about 7 o'clock, JOHN SMITH, the fireman, saw EMMERICH sitting by the engine, and told him that the rules would not allow him to stay on the premises any longer, and advised him to go to the hospital. EMMERICH complained of being very ill, and of harsh treatment by his brother, and seems to have remained in the engine-room after SMITH left for the night, as, at about 10 o'clock, he was found by some men hanging to one of the steam-pipes, quite dead. Upon the body was found a note written with lead-pencil, in German, of which the following is a translation: "Sick, miserable and left by father, brothers and sisters—even deceived by one brother who could have helped me—now my hour has come; I will not live any longer in this world. God forgive my sins and take me up to Thy Kingdom.—BERNHARD EMMERICH." The jury rendered a verdict of suicide by hanging.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—Gen. D. Vickers of New Jersey, Hon. C. Washburn of Wisconsin, Hon. J. B. Ross of Georgia, Gen. J. B. Gray of St. Louis, and Gen. W. T. Bennett of Savannah, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel; Gen. J. A. Garfield of Washington, Hon. C. J. Folger of Geneva, Gen. Frank P. Blair of St. Louis, Hon. R. C. McAllister of Washington, Judge Porter, of Albany; Hon. William Williams, of Indiana; Gen. C. W. Sills, of Cincinnati; Hon. G. Crosby, of Boston; Gen. W. F. Bennett, of South Carolina, and Hon. V. Dennison, of Albany, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. Vogdes, of the United States Army, is at the Hoffman House. Hon. William Sprague, of Rhode Island, and Hon. Thomas H. Canfield, of Vermont are at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

BURSTING OF WATER-PIPES.—Yesterday it was reported at the Twelfth Precinct Station-house that the Croton water-pipes had burst with considerable damage to the streets on the corner of First-avenue and One Hundred and Nineteenth-street, on the corner of First-avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-first-street, and in One Hundred and Twentieth-street, between First-avenue and Avenue A. The needed repairs will be made to-day. In the meantime the people around are cut off from their usual supply of water.

THE CROSS-TOWN RAILROAD.—A number of the owners of property on Thirtieth and Thirty-second streets met yesterday morning to give expression to their objections to the construction of the projected Cross-town Railroad. Mr. JOHN STONACK, a resident of the neighborhood, presided, and several ladies interested in the property likely to be impaired in value by the new road, by their presence, entered their protest. A remonstrance was drawn out, and received the signatures of many present, and a committee was appointed to proceed to Albany and have the matter brought before the Legislature.

THE ASTOR HOUSE.—The Astor House is to be reopened for business on the 1st of May—rejuvenated in paint and fresco and all but refurnished from basement to garret. The sum of $150,000, we learn, will be called for to cover the expenses. In the perfection of its arrangements, when this work is done, the Astor House will have no superior, and it is to be hoped by this effort will have recovered its full share of patronage for at least another decade.

CITY CAB PICKPOCKETS.—MRS. KELSEY, of No. 234 East Thirty-eighth-street, called at the Central Office yesterday and informed Detective DILKS that on Thursday last, as she was riding up town in a Third-avenue car, having in her possession $700 which she had drawn from the Bowery Savings Bank, the pocket containing the money was cut off by a pickpocket who escaped with his booty. Mrs. KELSEY did not discover her loss until she left the car. The Detectives have a description of a suspected man.

LECTURE ON CHINA.—At the solicitation of Bishop POTTER, Rev. Dr. TYNG and others, Hon. JOHN E. WARD, late Minister of the United States to China, will lecture to-night on "China" at Steinway Hall. The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the family of the late Bishop ELLIOTT of Georgia.

INCENDIARY FIRE.—An attempt was made at an early hour yesterday morning to set fire to the frame building No. 669 Tenth-avenue, by placing some straw under the stairs and igniting it. The flames were extinguished by Officer COLEMAN, of the Twenty-second Precinct, before any damage occurred.

NICOLSON PAVEMENT.—The Mayor will retain during the present week resolutions for paving with Nicolson pavement Second-avenue from Fourteenth to Nineteenth streets, and Fourteenth-street from University-place to Eighth-avenue. Objections thereto should be sent to the Mayor's office.

NEW YORK PORT SOCIETY.—The New-York Port Society will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary on Thursday evening at Steinway Hall. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Drs. DURYEA and JONES and Hon. WM. E. DODGE, and an original ode by Miss FANNY CROSBY.

TOBACCO SEIZURE.—Yesterday, Inspector HARVEY seized twenty-one barrels of smoking tobacco in Fulton-street. A few of the barrels bore counterfeit inspection marks, while the remainder had no evidences whatever of having been inspected.

LAW REPORTS.

Court Calendars for Tuesday.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Adjourned for the term.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Adjourned for the term.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar 12 *M. Reserved Cases.*

71—Garniss vs. Blackwall, 183—Parmley vs. Mills Manufacturing Co.
do. 231—Terry vs. Herron.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Held by Curtis, J.—Court opens at 10 *A. M.*

No.		No.	
—	Green vs. S. S. Co.	692	Wright vs. Nelson.
608	Fitch vs. Rosenstein.	695	Jennings vs. Jennings.
641	Caldwell vs. Gottsberger.	696	Worster vs. 42d-st. and Grand-st. R. R. Co.
642	Same vs. Same.	701	Moore vs. Kuppenschidt.
643	Same vs. Same.	705	Scrymser vs. Green.
—	Carrine vs. Livingston.	704	Boyd vs. Hawkins.
668	Frese vs. Ree.	709	Brod vs. Gutt.
676	Brown vs. Harriott.	710	Werner vs. McKeon.
678	Forsyth vs. Quintard.	711	Riemental vs. McKeon.
685	Beck vs. Nelson.	713	Donnelly vs. Eastman.
686	Drew vs. Nelson.	715	White vs. Cohen.
687	Osgood vs. Nelson.	717	Wilson vs. Van Buskirk.
688	Clements vs. Nelson.	719	Taylor vs. Acker.
689	Same vs. Same.	720	Acker vs. Chatfield.
690	Drew vs. Nelson.		
691	Davis vs. Nelson.		

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 30.

By Judge Cardozo.

In the matter of the petition of Susan W. Macomb, &c.; order granted.

In the matter of the application of Chas. E. Milnor, &c.; memoranda for counsel.

In the matter of the application of Ann Davis, wife of Richard Davis; motion granted.

By Judge Ingraham.

Warren vs. Holbrook et al.; motion granted.

Strachan et al. vs. James McCullough; motion granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 30.

By Chief Justice Robertson.

Lucien G. Quigley et. al. vs. John Perlies; motion denied, with $7 costs.

Harriet E. Butler, &c., vs. George W. Niles et. al.; as plaintiff appears to have been under a misapprehension, she may have ten days to serve amendments to the case, from notice of entry of this order. The motion is otherwise denied, with $10 costs to abide the event of the appeal.

C. H. Mallory et. al. vs. Conrad A. Ten Eyck; motion staying proceedings two days, granted. Time for defendant to answer, extended two weeks.

James Broadhead vs. The Kentucky Bourbon Co.; motion granted on terms, with $7 costs to abide the event.

Eugene Michon vs. A. Charles Groux; see memorandum with Special Term Clerk.

Wm. D. Adams vs. Hannah E. Adams; motion denied without prejudice.

Moses A. Hoppock et. al. vs. George W. Hillman; motion granted.

David M. Hollister vs. Stephen R. Doty; motion granted.

Michael Duffy vs. John Casey; motion denied, with $7 costs.

James R. Tenfant vs. John E. Merrill et. al.; the form of the undertaking is settled. See Special Term Clerk.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 30.

By Judge Barrett.

Smithson vs. Lilly; motion granted without prejudice to any application which the defendant may be entitled to make in respect to amending his answer.

Harding vs. Hartig; referred to take proof of defendant's means and to report as to the proper amount to be awarded for counsel fee and alimony.

Harcq vs. Howard; justification approved and order granted.

Steers vs. Genet; motion for readjustment of costs denied.

Wood vs. Raymond; proceedings suspended.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—March 30, 1868.

$10,000	U. S. 6s, '81, C.	111¾	
48,500	do.	111¾	
3,000	do.	111¾	
1,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. '62,	106¾	
10,000	do.	106¾	
5,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '65	106¾	
20,000	do.	106¾	
2,500	do.	107¼	
5,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '65 new	106¾	
20,000	do.	106¾	
	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67 New Issue	107¼	
2,500	do.	107¼	
5,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '65	106¾	
10,000	do.	106¾	
10,000	do.	106¾	
1,500	do.	106¾	
35,000	U. S. 5-20s, C. '65 new	107	
10,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. '67	107¼	
1,500	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67 New Issue	107¼	
3,500	U. S. 6s, 10-40s, C.	101	
20,000	do.	101	
30,000	do.	101½	
11,000	Vir. 6s, new.	61	
500

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A WIDOW LADY, A SITUATION as housekeeper, or to take charge of a gentleman's house in the absence of his family, or would like the care of a widower's family; understands the care of children and is willing to assist in any domestic duties; no country preferred. Call on or address M. C., No. 307 Lewery.

WANTED—BY TWO RESPECTABLE YOUNG women, situations in a private family, one as good cook and assist with the washing and ironing; the other a first-class waitress and assist in the chamber-work; have no objection to the country for the summer; can give the best of City reference. Call for two days at No. 10 West 19th-st., a few doors from 5th-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN A situation as cook; understands her business thoroughly; would assist in washing and ironing or attend to milk and butter; no objection to City or country. Call for two days at No. 276 1st-av., between 16th and 17th-sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman as first-class cook; understands Spanish or French cooking; the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 206 East 33d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTAble English woman as cook; is truly competent in all its branches; good reference given. Call for two days at No. 20 East 12th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS meat and pastry cook; understands soups, side dishes, game and all kinds of desserts; City reference. Call for two days at No. 119 West 29th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant girl, a situation to travel with a family going to England; best of reference. Call for two days at No. 88 Remsen-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young woman as seamstress by the week or month. Can be seen for two days at her present employer's, No. 114 East 32d-st., near Park-av.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT PERSON, A situation in a private family as chambermaid and waitress or waitress alone; best of City reference. No. 238 East 21st-st., between 1st and 2d avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT woman as chambermaid and seamstress. Call for three days at her last employer's, where she has lived six years, No. 23 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG WOman as nursery governess; can sew on machine. Apply at Mrs. SANDERS', No. 45 3d-av., near 10th-st.; can be seen from 10 till 3 o'clock.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE AND COMpetent elderly French woman, a situation as nurse to one or two growing up children, or wait upon an invalid lady, or keep house for a widower, and make herself useful in any ways needed; the best City references given. No. 111 West 20th-st., between 6th and 7th-avs.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG WOman, a situation as chambermaid and assist in washing and ironing or as chambermaid and plain sewer; an exceptionable City reference can be given from her present employer. Call at No. 134 West 30th-st., in the basement, for two days.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUAtion as chambermaid and waitress in a private family; understands her business thoroughly; the best of reference can be given. Call at No. 403 West 16th-st., in the rear, to-morrow.

WANTED—BY A MOST RESPECTABLE PROTestant woman, a situation as lady's maid and seamstress; understands dressmaking and hair-dressing; has the best of City reference. Can be seen at No. 212 West 26th-st., between 7th and 8th avs

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chambermaid and waitress; willing to assist in the washing; the best of City reference given. Inquire at No. 221 West 28th-st., in the rear cottage.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation as cook; the advertiser is fully competent and has lived with the present family for three years; can be fully recommended. Call at No. 29 North Washington-square, corner of Macdougal-st., for two days.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, A SITuation in a private family; understands all kinds of family cooking; the best of City reference; has no objection to go to Newport. Call at No. 231 West 16th-st., the west corner. Ring the bell. Call for two days.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT SEAMSTRESS, a few more ladies' work by the day or week; can do all kinds of family sewing; can assist with dressmaking. Call or address No. 156 West 42d-st., near 8th-av., top floor, for one day.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation as cook; is willing and obliging; has no objection to assist with the washing; can give the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 153 East 11th-st., between 1st and 2d avs.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUAtion as first-class waitress, or would do chamberwork and fine washing; has good City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 31 West 13th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; understands soup, meats, all kinds of game, boning and larding, and all kinds of desserts; best of City reference from last place. Call for two days at No. 110 West 20th-st., in rear.

WANTED — IMMEDIATELY BY A FIRST-class cook a situation; understands bread and pastry; best of City refetences. Call, or address to No. 130 West 20th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., third floor, back room; no objection to the country.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant girl as chambermaid and seamstress in a small family; is a good sewer; can be well recommended. Call or address 22 1st., at Savage's grocery, corner of 36th-st. and Broadway.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUAtion as nurse; is competent to take entire charge of a child from its birth; or would assist in the care of grown children; good reference from last employer. Call at No. 31 West 13th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman in a private family as a good cook and excellent washer and ironer; has first-class City reference from her last place. Call for two days at No. 268 Hicks-st., top floor, front room, Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant girl a situation in a private family as a good plain cook; would be willing to assist with the washing and ironing; reference given if required. Call at No. 226 (new number) West 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A STEADY person to wait on a lady as nurse to growing children; is willing to make herself generally useful. Can be seen till suited at No. 180 West 33d-st., near 7th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation; is a first-class laundress; can do fluting; would go to Newport or the country; has the best of City references. Apply for two days at 19 West 36th-st.

WANTED—BY A DRESSMAKER, TO GO OUT by the day in families; can cut, fit and trim perfectly. Call at or address No. 245 East 10th-st., for one week.

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WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant girl, a situation to travel with a family going to England; best of reference. Call for two days at No. 88 Remsen-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young woman as seamstress by the week or month. Can be seen for two days at her present employer's, No. 114 East 32d-st., near Park-av.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT PERSON, A situation in a private family as chambermaid and waitress or waitress alone; best of City reference. No. 238 East 21st-st., between 1st and 2d avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT woman as chambermaid and seamstress. Call for three days at her last employer's, where she has lived six years, No. 23 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG WOman as nursery governess; can sew on machine. Apply at Mrs. SANDERS', No. 45 3d-av., near 10th-st.; can be seen from 10 till 3 o'clock.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE AND COMpetent elderly French woman, a situation as nurse to one or two growing up children, or wait upon an invalid lady, or keep house for a widower, and make herself useful in any ways needed; the best City references given. No. 111 West 20th-st., between 6th and 7th-avs.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG WOman, a situation as chambermaid and assist in washing and ironing or as chambermaid and plain sewer; an exceptionable City reference can be given from her present employer. Call at No. 134 West 30th-st., in the basement, for two days.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUAtion as chambermaid and waitress in a private family; understands her business thoroughly; the best of City reference can be given. Call at No. 403 West 16th-st., in the rear, to-morrow.

WANTED—BY A MOST RESPECTABLE PROTestant woman, a situation as lady's maid and seamstress; understands dressmaking and hair-dressing; has the best of City reference. Can be seen at No. 212 West 26th-st., between 7th and 8th avs

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG girl, a situation as chambermaid and waitress; is willing to assist in the washing; the best of City reference given. Inquire at No. 221 West 28th-st., in the rear cottage.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation as cook; the advertiser is fully competent and has lived with the present family for three years; can be fully recommended. Call at No. 29 North Washington-square, corner of Macdougal-st., for two days.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, A SITuation in a private family; understands all kinds of family cooking; the best of City reference; has no objection to go to Newport. Call at No. 231 West 16th-st., the west corner. Ring the bell. Call for two days.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT SEAMSTRESS, a few more ladies' work by the day or week; can do all kinds of family sewing; can assist with dressmaking. Call or address No. 156 West 42d-st., near 8th-av., top floor, for one day.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation as cook; is willing and obliging; has no objection to assist with the washing; can give the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 153 East 11th-st., between 1st and 2d avs.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUAtion as first-class waitress, or would do chamberwork and fine washing; has good City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 31 West 13th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; understands soup, meats, all kinds of game, boning and larding, and all kinds of desserts; best of City reference from last place. Call for two days at No. 110 West 20th-st., in rear.

WANTED — IMMEDIATELY BY A FIRST-class cook a situation; understands bread and pastry; best of City refetences. Call, or address to No. 130 West 20th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., third floor, back room; no objection to the country.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant girl as chambermaid and seamstress in a small family; is a good sewer; can be well recommended. Call or address 22 1st., at Savage's grocery, corner of 36th-st. and Broadway.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUAtion as nurse; is competent to take entire charge of a child from its birth; or would assist in the care of grown children; good reference from last employer. Call at No. 31 West 13th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman in a private family as a good cook and excellent washer and ironer; has first-class City reference from her last place. Call for two days at No. 268 Hicks-st., top floor, front room, Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant girl a situation in a private family as a good plain cook; would be willing to assist with the washing and ironing; reference given if required. Call at No. 226 (new number) West 19th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A STEADY person to wait on a lady as nurse to growing children; is willing to make herself generally useful. Can be seen till suited at No. 180 West 33d-st., near 7th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, A situation; is a first-class laundress; can do fluting; would go to Newport or the country; has the best of City references. Apply for two days at 19 West 36th-st.

WANTED—BY A DRESSMAKER, TO GO OUT by the day in families; can cut, fit and trim perfectly. Call at or address No. 245 East 10th-st., for one week.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman as first-class cook; understands Spanish or French cooking; the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 206 East 33d-st.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-CLASS meat and pastry cook; understands soups, side dishes, game and all kinds of desserts; City reference. Call for two days at No. 119 West 29th-st., near 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A situation as seamstress; would be willing to assist with children; or would do light chamberwork. Apply at No. 35 Reed and Chinery-store, No. 423 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOman, a situation as first-class waitress or as parlormaid; can give the very best City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 134 West 25th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant Scotch girl, a situation as cook in a small private family; would assist with the washing, if required; no objection to the country. Call or address No. 111 West 18th-st., rear, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl as first-class cook; understands her business in all its branches; is willing and obliging; has the very best of City reference. Call at No. 222 7th-av., near 25th-st., in the fancy-store.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPETENT laundress; understands French fluting, linens, all kinds of fancy work; understands her business; best City reference; no objection to the country. Can be seen at No. 21 West 13th-st., in the rear.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS FRENCH cook (female,) well recommended, a situation; also, German and Irish servants, with good references, at SHAIDE'S Employment Bureau, No. 269 Bowery, above Houston-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation as cook. Has no objection to assist at the washing, or would go as laundress. Understands fining. Call for two days at her present employer's, No. 20 West 17th-st.

WANTED—IN COUNTRY OR CITY, BY A cook, washer and ironer, a situation; would take the place of chambermaid and fine washer, or waitress; can do housework. Apply at No. 404 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—AT BOOKHAM'S, NO. 329 4TH-AV., 26th-st., situations for a large number of recommended cooks, nurses, waitresses, laundresses, lady's maids, cooks, washers and ironers, housekeepers, of all nations; young girls, &c.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT first-class waitress a situation; understands glass, silver, &c.; can take the place of chambermaid; good reference. Apply at No. 404 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young girl as children's maid and to do plain sewing; best of City references. Call for two days at No. 344 6th-av., between 21st and 22d sts., second floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG Scotch Protestant girl as cook, and to assist with the washing; is willing to go in the country; has City reference. Call at No. 422 East 13th-st., top floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A FIRST-CLASS cook, who thoroughly understands her business in all its branches; no objection to the country or a private boarding-house; best of City references. Call for two days at No. 328 West 15th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman as chambermaid and waitress or as nurse and seamstress; has no objection to the country. Call at No. 163 West 23d-st., between 6th and 7th avs.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young man as coachman and groom; City or country; not particular; the best of recommendations; will be found generally useful. Address J. M. D., Box No. 208 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN, A SITUAtion as coachman and groom; understands his business thoroughly; also is a good vegetable gardener; understands general work about a gentleman's place; good reference. Address A. R., Box No. 222 Times Office.

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WANTED—BY A GROOM AND COACHMAN, a situation; is a careful driver, understands care of horses, harness, carriages, &c.; is willing to make himself useful; good references. Apply at No. 404 6th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE SINGLE MAN a situation as coachman and gardener; understands all kinds of fruits and vegetables, grape vines, &c.; also willing and obliging; good City and country references. Address P. B., Box No. 261 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER AND gardener by a married man, without incumbrance; has no objection to take care of horses if required; has good references. Address for two days W. A. P., Box 214 Times office.

WANTED—BY A MARRIED MAN AND HIS wife, situations; have no children; the man a good vegetable and fruit gardener; understands the care and treatment of horses; his wife a first-rate cook or laundress; good reference if required. Address T. M., Box No. 201 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PRACTICAL gardener who has had experience in Scotland and England and ten years in this country; thorough knowledge of all the branches; single man; references; conversant with farming; married; small family. Apply at Thorburn's seed-store, 15 John-st. S. E. M., gardener.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN A situation as coachman and groom; understands his business thoroughly; would assist in farming if required; will be found willing and obliging; can furnish first-class City references. Address T. U., Box No. 214 Times Office.

WANTED—IN A WHOLESALE HARDWARE house a situation by a young man of 22, as stock or receiving clerk, as a means to an end; desires to acquire a thorough knowledge of the business; references unexceptionable; can command capital. Address JOHN HENRY, Box No. 3,188 New-York Post-office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN BY a single young man, who thoroughly understands his business; has many years' experience; best of reference; no objection to the country; the best City reference. Address M. B., Box 208 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN as farm hand or assistant gardener on a gentleman's place; best references. Address M., Box No. 204 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER AND gardener by a thoroughly practical man, (a German,) married, two in family; good references from employers. Address W. W., Box No. 109 Times Office.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION BY A well-recommended Protestant married man; understands the proper care of horses; good City driver; strictly temperate, useful and obliging; good City reference. Address C. M., 128 East 42d-st., Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS JANITOR BY A reliable man, to take care of any public building, bank, library, &c., &c.; he has satisfactory references, and is strongly recommended by the subscriber, OGDEN HAGGERTY, No. 122 Duane-st., New-York.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE MAN as gardener; understands the care of horses and carriage, milk a cow, or do anything to make himself generally useful; has good reference. Address W. L., Box No. 210 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and groom by a first-class single young man; no objection to go a short distance in the country; is industrious, willing and obliging; best City reference. Address M. C., Box No. 210 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY a single man; thoroughly understands his business in all branches, and all kinds of farm-work and the care of horses; is willing and obliging; the best of reference. Address S. A. X., Box No. 210 Times Office.

WANTED.—BY A YOUNG ENGLISH PROTESTant, aged 20 years, a situation in a private family as second waiter. No objection to the country. City reference. Address, for two days, H. M., at Mr. Rutter's, grocer, 27th-st. and Lexington-av., N. Y. City.

WANTED—SITUATIONS FOR THOROUGHLY competent coachmen, grooms, gardeners, farmhands, cooks, porters, waiters, servants, milk boys, laborers, &c.; also, female help. Apply at the large Employment House, No. 138 11th-st., corner 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young man, as coachman; has the very best of City references as to character and capability. Call at his present employer's stable, No. 7 East 22d-st., or address J. B.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY a practical man, who perfectly understands his business in all its branches, in raising vegetables and fruits for market; good reference. Address F. H., care P. H. Nugent, florist, South Bergen, N. J.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN as coachman; has the best of City references for honesty, sobriety and careful driving. Call or address COACHMAN, No. 5 East 28th-st.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN A SITUATION as farmer and plain gardener; has the last eight years' experience; good reference. Address H. L., Box No. 202 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN, A SITUATION as gardener or farmer; understands his business; is not afraid of work; has good reference. Address T. D., Box No. 216 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable man in a private family; no objection to go in the country; best of City reference. Address JOHN HAMILTON, Box No. 211 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE MAN, A SITUATION as gardener; understands the business in its various branches; has good reference. Address W. L., Eting & Co.'s seed-store, No. 201 Fulton-st., for two days.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION BY a respectable young man; has eight years City reference from his last employer. Call or address D. S., No. 1,252 Broadway, at M. A. Conlan's saddlery.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN AND gardener by a single young man, who understands his business; has many years' experience; best of reference; no objection to the country; is sober and steady. Address P. O. Box 2,086 New-York City.

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WANTED—A SITUATION AS FARMER AND gardener by a thoroughly practical man, who understands the business well and the care and treatment of all kinds of farm stock; married; one child; good references given. Address J. H., Box 200 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN ENGLISHman as coachman and groom; married man; no objection to the country; good City reference. Can be seen at private stable No. 154 West 31st-st., between 6th and 7th avs., until suited, or by note, W. B. W.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER BY a married man; understands fruit, flowers and vegetables and the laying out of a gentleman's place; can give good City reference. Address A. D., Henderson's seed-store, No. 67 Nassau-st.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION, BY a married man without children; understands his business in all its branches; hot and cold grapery and greenhouse; is a good vegetable grower. Address J. H., Thorburn's seed-store, No. 15 John-st.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN, A situation as coachman and groom; understands his business thoroughly; would assist in gardening if required; has first-class City reference; no objection to the country. Address O. M. C., Box No. 217 Times Office.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE MAN, SCOTCH, A situation as coachman and groom; understands his business thoroughly; will assist in gardening if required; best City reference. Address W. B., Box No. 212 Times Office.

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WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN MAN, A SITUAtion as coachman and gardener on a gentleman's place; understands the care of horses, cows, &c., and is also a good carpenter. Address W. H. S., Box No. 195 Times Office.

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LA BELLE HELENE. Characters by Mlle. Tostee, Messrs. Guffroy, Leduc, Duchesne, Bendick, Mlle. De Fetcourt, Mlle. Marguerite and Mlle. Mathilde.

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THE WHITE FAWN.

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LIGHT AT LAST. SHADOW ON THE CASEMENT. SHAMUS O'BRIEN and NO.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

An afternoon dispatch by the Atlantic Cable characterized the news as meagre and unimportant.

In the House of Lords last evening Lord MALMESBURY disclaimed any intention on the part of the British Government to interfere with affairs in Paraguay.

In the House of Commons the act relative to the Irish Church Establishment was called up but no definite action taken.

CONGRESS.

The Senate yesterday resumed discussion on the bill to relieve RODERICK R. BUTLER, Member of Congress elect from Tennessee, from political disabilities. Mr. BUCKALEW argued against the bill, but without finishing his remarks gave way to the report of the Conference Committee on the bill to exempt certain manufactures from taxation. The report was ordered printed. The Senate resolved itself into a Court of Impeachment for the trial of the President, and Mr. BUTLER made the opening speech, consuming the entire session of the Court. Subsequently the Senate was convened for legislative business, when the report on exempting certain manufactures from taxation was taken up, and, after debate, was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

Mr. HAIGHT presented to the House a joint resolution of the New-Jersey Legislature withdrawing the consent of the State of New-Jersey to the Constitutional amendment. Pending the consideration of the resolutions the House went into Committee of the Whole and proceeded to the Senate Chamber to attend the impeachment trial. Subsequently the resolutions were partly read, when Mr. WASHBURNE offered a resolution declaring them to be "disrespectful to the House and scandalous in character," and directing that they be returned to Mr. HAIGHT. After some filibustering the resolution was adopted. The House then adjourned.

The regular report of Congressional proceedings yesterday will be found on the second page of the TIMES this morning.

GENERAL.

The April dividends of the Boston banks amount to $2,144,000, against $2,149,500 last October and $2,017,000 a year ago. The larger number are 5 and 6 per cent., as usual, and the extremes are 3½ and 7. All the dividends, miscellaneous and bank, to be paid in Boston in April, amount to over $3,500,000. The interest in Massachusetts and Boston bonds will be paid in specie, and these gold payments will amount to $273,038. An extra quarterly dividend of 10 per cent. is paid by the Lancaster mills, the usual period of dividing heretofore being January and July. The Salisbury mills passes its quarterly dividend.

At the dinner-table of a hotel in Tuscumbia, Ala., on Saturday, ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, late of the rebel army, entered into a dispute with a Mr. COLLINS, who was a Union soldier, about the Arkansas election. The discussion waxed warm, and CUNNINGHAM drew a revolver on his antagonist, who promptly brought into use his own pistol and fired, killing him instantly. COLLINS gave himself up to the authorities.

The Supreme Court yesterday gave on opinion in a case from Massachusetts, involving the question of State tax on deposits in a savings bank. As in the case from Connecticut, it was decided that the tax can be imposed on deposits in such institutions, no matter in what form invested.

In the Mobile City Court on Tuesday last, the case against L. V. B. MARTIN, late United States District Attorney, charged with assault upon Judge BUSTRED, with intent to murder, was called. The accused failed to appear and his bond was declared forfeited.

Gen. SCHOFIELD has suspended for sixty days the sale of the lot and building of the Petersburg, Va., Library Association, advertised to take place under a deed of trust to-day, in order to enable the Association to make arrangements to meet its liabilities.

ABRAHAM H. MILLS, the canal-boat Captain who killed PATRICK MALONE, in Buffalo, on the 13th of August last, was brought to Buffalo from Grand Rapids, Mich., yesterday afternoon, and lodged in jail. He claims that he stabbed MALONE in self-defence, and fled from fear of popular vengeance.

The City of Bangor, Me., yesterday, voted by a large majority to loan its credit for $1,000,000 to the European and North American Railway; also, for $15,000 per mile to the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad. This action secures the building of both roads.

Township elections occurred in some portions of Maine yesterday. Eastport was carried by the Republicans by a reduced majority from last year. Pembroke and Lubec, which last year went Democratic, yesterday were carried by the Republicans.

A dispatch received from San Francisco yesterday says nothing has yet been heard from the steamship *China*, now overdue from Hong Kong.

A car loaded with horses, on the Vermont Central Railroad, took fire on Saturday night, near Montpelier. Ten horses were burned to death, while others leaped into the stream and were drowned.

Gov. GEARY, yesterday, vetoed the Free Railroad bill passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature, on the ground of its unconstitutionality and that it grants extraordinary powers to railroad companies, in authorizing them to increase their capital stock without limit.

Gov. WARD has signed the bill authorizing the Erie Railroad Company to have an office and transact business in New-Jersey. The Harsimus Cove bill has become a law without his signature, under the provisions of the State Constitution.

The call has been issued for the New-Hampshire Republican State Convention, which is to meet at Concord on the 6th of May, to elect delegates to to the Chicago Convention and nominate electors.

The New-York City Sunday School and Missionary Society held a public annual meeting, last evening, in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-second-street. The President, Mr. W. W. CORNELL, presided, and a large audience was in attendance. Addresses were delivered by Mr. CORNELL and Rev. J. M. BUCKLEY, of Brooklyn. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, for the fourteen months ending the 1st inst., exhibits the most gratifying results of the Society's labors. The Treasurer reported the receipts for the same period at $65,766 95, and the expenditures at $65,948 10. The real estate and other property belonging to the Society is valued at $71,600. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, after which the Society adjourned.

The Select Committee of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen having charge of the East River bridge matter, reported to the Board yesterday in favor of subscribing $3,000,000 on behalf of the City to the capital stock of the Bridge Company, providing that certain members of the Corporation have places in the Board of Direction. The amount necessary for the completion of the bridge, and purchase of property necessary to make room for its construction, is now set down at $9,000,000. Mr. OLIVER ROWLAND INGERSOLL protested against the adoption of the report of the Committee, and offered to build the bridge himself free of cost to the City. The subject is to come up for consideration next week.

In the Board of Councilmen, yesterday, a resolution, fixing the time for the commencement of the widening and extension of Church-street as the 1st of September, 1869, was laid over. A resolution calling on the Comptroller and Corporation Counsel to compel the proprietors of the Weehawken ferry to run good boats at regular hours, or to cancel the ferry lease, was referred.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner SCHIRMER on the body of a German named BERNARD EMERICH, who hanged himself in the engine-room of JESSUP'S malt-house, in Forty-fifth-street, near Second-avenue, Saturday night. He was in destitute circumstances, and depressed in spirits in consequence of the refusal of his relatives to aid him.

Yesterday the Board of Audit met and rendered decisions allowing a number of claims, and considered a claim of Judge MICHAEL CONNOLLY for $10,000 for personal damage alleged to have been sustained by being thrown from a wagon in Sixth-avenue, in consequence of obstructions in the street.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday received a message from the Mayor vetoing all the resolutions for increase of salaries and creation of new offices. Resolutions were adopted directing the Tax Commissioners to prepare copies of the personal tax lists, and of the companies and Banks that pay tax on surplus capital.

Yesterday morning a thief entered the dwelling of Councilman PARKER, in Hoboken, and succeeded in effecting his escape with a quantity of jewelry, seven ladies' dresses and some of the Councilman's clothing.

A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of a liquor-dealer in Jersey City named PATRICK FITZSIMMONS, charged with assaulting a customer with a dagger which he took from behind his counter.

A barkeeper named JOSEPH HAMILTON poisoned himself, Sunday, at No. 173 West Fourth-street. He is supposed to have been insane. An inquest will be held to-day.

The Street-Cleaning Contractor claims to have removed 234,000 loads of dirt, snow, &c., from the streets between the 1st of January and the 26th of March.

Cotton was again very active yesterday, opening at an advance of 1c., but closing at an improvement of barely ⅛c. ℔ lb. on Saturday's figures. Flour, Wheat, Oats, Pork and Bacon were in good request at rising prices. Corn, Lard and Petroleum, dull and drooping. Groceries unchanged. Freights firmer, but quiet.

The prices of beef cattle are still maintained at high figures. Yesterday the supply at the National Drove Yards was light, numbering only 1,777 for the week. A part of the brokers affirmed that prices were ½c. higher than one week ago; while others were ready to bet money that prices were ½c. lower. The difference was to be accounted for in the quanty of the offerings. There was a large number of miserably poor and thin animals that were not fit for dog-meat. The rooks and crows of the West have surely been robbed of their portion. Brokers said they had sold nothing for over 19c. ℔ lb.; but butchers affirmed that they had to pay 20c. for the choicest steers. Common to fair bullocks brought 15c.@17c. ℔ lb., net weight. Transactions in sheep and lambs are moderate. The demand for such animals as are really fit to slaughter is excellent. Lambs, of which there are but few, sell at fabulous prices. Prime mutton sheep sell for 7½c.@9c. ℔ lb., live weight; a few were reported as sold for more than 9c. Thin and poor droves are worked off at 4c.@5c., or for what third-class butchers will pay for them. Prime hogs are in fair request. Prices have fluctuated more or less during the past week. A few were sold at 10c. ℔ lb., live weight; very few bring more than 9c. Prices of milch cows and calves continue unchanged.

The President's Trial—Gen Butler's Opening Speech.

Gen. BUTLER'S opening speech for the prosecution—though not exactly all that his admirers proclaimed in advance it would be in the way of power, eloquence and conclusiveness—is yet what all who know BUTLER'S talents felt assured it would be—a very sharp and clever piece of argumentation, and a very vehement denunciation of the course and character of President JOHNSON. The method is systematic, the treatment coherent, the argument broader and more dignified than any of BUTLER'S previous efforts. He frequently weakens the force of his statement by unnecessary violence of language; he occasionally descends to sophistries that are disgraceful to his reason; he attempts to bolster up slim points that had better have been passed over; he is guilty of perversions that are more ingenious than honorable; he makes appeals that might be very effective in a stump speech, but are grossly offensive in a legal argument addressed to such a body as the Senate; and he indulges in vituperation that is entirely misplaced at the opening of such a trial. And yet withal, the speech is of such length and elaborateness, that, after making allowance for all these vicious faults, there is yet room for a constitutional and legal argument which, as a whole, is far above the range that might have been expected from the speaker. We are glad that he has put his main positions on the broad basis upon which they are planted, that they are possessed of such scope and elevation, and that they are capable of being discussed according to the higher principles of law that ought to govern this unprecedented trial.

Gen. BUTLER was in many respects the fittest of the Managers to open the case. A man was wanted who could make an impression,—an impression on the country even more than on the Senate; and there was greater reason to expect this from BUTLER than from any other of the Impeachment Managers. THAD. STEVENS lacked strength as well as mental cohesion for such an effort as was required; BOUTWELL'S earnestness would be more available at another stage; BINGHAM'S remarkable rhetorical displays could be given from time to time during the progress of the trial; LOGAN'S rant could be held back at least until it *could not be* held back; and WILSON'S able and earnest arguments were needed for the close. BUTLER had not only the prestige of his name—not only the prestige of being the original proposer of impeachment, and one of the most persistent and formidable enemies of the President, but he has a quality of *sensationalism* as well as a general force, originality and acuteness of mind and character which could be made very *telling* upon such an opportunity as now presented itself. If it has turned out that, on this occasion, he was less sensational and excitable than in his Congressional harangues against the President, it must none the less be admitted that he has justified his selection for the place he occupied yesterday.

He was not very fortunate, at the opening, in his attempt to define an impeachable crime or misdemeanor. If, after saying that it was an offence "in its nature or consequences subversive of some fundamental principle of government," he had abruptly stopped, the definition would have been broad enough and precise enough; but when he added, *or* an offence "highly prejudicial to the public interest, and may consist of a violation of the Constitution, of law, of an official oath, or of duty, by an act committed or omitted, or without violating any positive law, by the abuse of discretionary powers from improper motives, or for any improper purpose," he passed far beyond the boundaries of definition, and opened the gates so wide that any President might be put through for any unpopular act of his administration. He might have thought it necessary to go thus far in order to cover the case now in hand; but it must have been obvious to every one, that a rule capable of being stretched so far as this, was incapable of any special application to the alleged offences of ANDREW JOHNSON. Having failed upon a particular point where success was uncommonly difficult, he proceeded with his argument in a method which we can only rapidly outline.

He entered on a discussion as to the peculiar characteristics and powers of the Senate when sitting as a Court of Impeachment—showing that it had no analogy to an ordinary court of law, but was merely the United States Senate as a (special) constitutional tribunal. It was bound by no law, either statute or common, limiting its action; it consulted no precedents, save those of the custom of parliamentary bodies; it was a law unto itself, bound only by the natural principles of equity and justice. He doubtless thought it necessary to take this position as an offset to the ground that has recently been taken, that the Senate, acting as a Court, was subject to the rules for the government of ordinary courts of law, and that the presiding officer was clothed with the powers and possessed of the privileges that are exercised by a Judge. The point may be one of no little importance in the progress of the trial, especially as it has been given out that the opinion of Chief Justice CHASE is opposite to that which is enforced by Mr. BUTLER.

Having disposed of this matter, he proceeds directly to the charges against the President set forth in the articles of impeachment. He discusses as a whole, and with much historical illustration, the eight articles relating to the legality of Mr. JOHNSON'S action in the removal of STANTON. He puts the question, (with much foolish verbiage in its form, which we here omit,) Has the President the constitutional power to remove from office all functionaries, without restraint by the Senate or the laws? And against such an assumption he argues at great length and with much vigor, appealing to law, precedent, history, the necessities of a free Government, and the public welfare. He examines the Tenure of Office bill, and its special relation to STANTON'S case. He refers to the President's claim that it is unconstitutional, showing that the President is *estopped* from this pretension by having repeatedly recognized the validity and binding force of the law in his previous intercourse with Congress. He shows the illegality of THOMAS' appointment, and indicates the wicked and desperate purpose of the President in making it. He examines the President's arguments in defence of his right to violate the law, and demolishes the pretext that it was for the purpose of obtaining a decision from the Supreme Court upon its constitutionality. He then puts to the Court which he is addressing the extraordinary query, "*Will you hear* an argument, as a Senate of the United States, a majority of whom voted for the very bill, upon its constitutionality, in the trial of an Executive officer, for wilfully violating it, before it had been doubted by any Court?" We suppose by this inquiry that BUTLER desires the Court to prevent the President's counsel from any discussion of a matter which is likely to be one of the main points of the defence.

BUTLER argues that the *intent* of the President, in all the offences of which he is accused, is not doubtful. He himself admits that it was his intent to violate the law, and this, with the other evidences of criminal purpose which are furnished, is sufficient for his condemnation.

After thus enforcing the charges in the first eight articles, he triumphantly asks:

"Having shown that the President wilfully violated an act of Congress, without justification, both in the removal of STANTON and the appointment of THOMAS, for the purpose of obtaining wrongfully the possession of the War Office by force, if need be, and certainly by threats and intimidations, for the purpose of controlling its appropriations through its *ad interim* chief, who shall say that ANDREW JOHNSON is not guilty of the high crime and misdemeanors charged against him in the first eight articles?"

The ninth article, charging the President with attempting a conspiracy with Gen. EMORY, is next in order. BUTLER admits that the direct proof in this case is inconclusive; but he argues that it is sustained by the knowledge we otherwise possess of the President's designs, and by numerous collateral circumstances which he develops in the true style of a pettifogger.

BUTLER'S own article (the tenth) referring to the President's speeches against Congress at St. Louis and other places, calls from him an especially bitter diatribe. These speeches were proof of an atrocious conspiracy. They were meant to prepare the way for a despotism. They were intended to inflame the popular mind to such a pitch that Mr. JOHNSON would be enabled to overthrow the Government and establish his own tyrannical power on its ruins. He was attempting to follow in the footsteps of CROMWELL, in the footsteps of NAPOLEON, in the footsteps of all the ambitious criminals who had taken the same means to break down the established institutions or liberties of a nation.

The evidence for the eleventh charge shows that the President was lost to all decency and propriety of conduct. It is no matter about the truth or falsity of the allegations in JOHNSON'S speeches; it is the *scandal* of such speeches being made by a man who is President of the United States.

Having thus disposed of all the charges in the articles of impeachment, BUTLER goes on, upon his own account, to charge the President with a score of other crimes and misdemeanors more wicked than those for which he is on trial. And he closes with an appeal for the Senate to convict, dealing in what, we fancy, must be considered the slightly exaggerated style of lawyers when closing a case in Court: "Never again, if ANDREW JOHNSON go quit and free this day, can the people of this or any other country, by constitutional checks and guards, stay the usurpations of Executive power. The future political welfare and liberties of all men hang trembling on the decision of the hour."

One thing will strike all who carefully peruse Mr. BUTLER'S speech, and that is the remarkable absence of anything like *novelty* in the statement or arguments. The whole matter has been so long and so thoroughly discussed in the Press and in Congress, that it seems everything that can be said about it has already been said.

Reconstruction in the South.

Gen. MEADE, who has shown himself in his Military Governorship, a wise, prudent and firm supporter of the Reconstruction laws of Congress, thus speaks of the state of things in Alabama:

"Acknowledging the importance of the State being at the earliest moment restored to her proper relations in the Union, I cannot but look on the result of the recent election as an expression of opinion that *the registered voters do not desire to be restored under the Constitution submitted to them*, and in view of the recent act of Congress, giving ratification to a majority of the votes cast, I would prefer seeing the Convention reassembled for a revision of the Constitution, and the revised Constitution submitted to the people under the new law. I am of the opinion that *a revised Constitution, more liberal in its terms and confined to the requirements of the Reconstruction laws*, would, in Alabama—as I have reason to expect it will in Georgia and Florida—*meet with the approval of the majority of the registered voters*, and I beg leave to call your attention to the difficulty of carrying on a Government in a State where *so small a population of those qualified to take part in the Government are in favor of the organic law*, and to insure a larger proportion of what must be the governing class, a more acceptable Constitution should be presented to them for adoption."

These are words of truth and soberness. They ought to command the attention and respect of Congress. If the suggestions which the General makes, in regard to amending the Constitution, are heeded and carried into effect, there is every reason to hope for the speedy return of the State to her position in the Union, upon a basis that ought to prove satisfactory to the whole country.

If the bill just passed by the House of Representatives shall pass the Senate also, and become a law, the Legislature of Alabama will, we hope, act on the General's advice. The Reconstruction laws of Congress disfranchise quite enough of the Southern whites—more, we believe, than were either necessary or wise, in view of the fact that suffrage for the blacks was made universal. But the Convention that framed the Constitution just rejected went far beyond this. Every voter was required to take an oath as to his *future* political action. He was required to swear that he would never hereafter vote in favor of changing the suffrage provisions of the Constitution so as to affect the *status* of colored voters. No State has any right to exact any such oath as a condition of voting.

This provision had a great deal to do with the rejection of the Constitution. It is not at all surprising that the people of the State should be unwilling thus to bind their political action for the future. If they are to have self-government, they naturally desire to be *free* in their action under it.

Gen MEADE'S opinions as to the difficulty of carrying on a government "where so small a portion of those qualified to take part in it are in favor of the organic law," is also entitled to weight. Such a government can, from the nature of the case, be only temporary, and is quite certain to plant the seeds of lasting discontent and strife in its administration of affairs.

Congress can very well afford now to lay solid foundations for the State Governments it is about to create for the Southern States. And it ought to establish them on principles that are fully in harmony with our theories of self-government, and which will command the assent of a majority of the people to be affected by them.

The Alabama Bill.

We are glad to find the *Tribune* so easily suited in regard to Alabama. Ever since the election in that State at which the new Constitution was *rejected*, it has insisted that Congress should declare it *adopted*. It has protested against subjecting the people to the expense and trouble of a new election,—settling the whole question off-hand by declaring that "*everybody knows*" that a majority of the voters of the State are in favor of the Constitution, in spite of the decisive vote against it. And it has, with equal emphasis, demanded that the State should be at once admitted to Congress and the military rule withdrawn,—because the country was tired of chaos and confusion, and demanded the speedy restoration of the revolting States.

The House has passed a bill directly in the teeth of all these demands, and the *Tribune* "trusts that the Senate will promptly concur." The Constitution is *not* declared adopted; a new election *is* to be had upon it:—the State is not admitted to representation in Congress, and the military control is retained. It is gratifying to find the *Tribune* so ready to surrender its own opinions upon a moment's notice, and to accept action, at the hands of Congress, against which it protested so vehemently only a few days ago. There can be no great danger of collision and turmoil on any subject, when so much eagerness is shown for harmony at any price.

But we concur very heartily with the *Tribune* in hoping that the Senate will pass the bill. It is a decided improvement on the one rejected by the Reconstruction Committee, which it supersedes. It does not enact a falsehood, to begin with, by declaring a Constitution adopted which was in fact rejected. Gen. MEADE confirms the statement that it was rejected, and has, what the *Tribune* styles the "effrontery," to set aside, as of no account whatever, the stories that this was the result of coercion, intimidation, high water, Spring freshets and other natural and moral causes sufficient to warrant a reversal of the verdict. The bill proposes to submit the Constitution again to the popular vote, with such amendments as the Legislature just chosen may make, and that a majority of those *voting* shall decide the result. We do not think there is any very good ground for regarding this Legislature as a proper representation of the people of the State, but its title in this respect is, to say the least, quite as good as that of the present Government. Both are provisional, and neither rests on any very authoritative declaration of the popular will.

The *Tribune* deems it "effrontery" in us to set aside its pleas for disregarding the result of the late election, as resting on no "legal or trustworthy" evidence. That journal asserts that the negroes were intimidated by threats of dismissal from employment, that their votes were coerced, and that "*thus* and *thus only* was a majority of the registered voters deterred from voting. Why," adds the *Tribune*, "deny so plain a truth?" We don't deny it—we only doubt it. And we doubt it because nothing but the report of party newspapers is quoted to support it,—because Gen. MEADE, who is on the spot, says nothing of it,—because the Reconstruction Committee has no evidence to sustain it,—and because it is precisely what the *Tribune* always says to explain every vote, in this City, in Connecticut, and everywhere else, which goes against its wishes and predictions. Congress was just as anxious to declare the Constitution adopted as the *Tribune* was; but it felt the need of something like evidence to go upon, and it couldn't get it. The *Tribune* thought the truth "so plain" that it didn't need any evidence!

We hope this bill will pass and become a law; that the Legislature will promptly submit the Constitution, amended to suit themselves, to the vote of the people;—that those who like it will vote for it, and those who don't will vote against it;—and that the result will be accepted and acquiesced in by the whole country, as a conclusive indication of the sentiment of the people of the State—until they change their minds.

The Erie and Its Directors.

The Assembly will probably have an opportunity, to-day, of contributing still further to the settlement of the Erie Railroad Controversy. The audacious proposal of the Directors to legalize an issue of stock created in a manner and for a purpose which no honest man can defend, is for the time defeated. The Committee on the affairs of the road is now expected to report, and that document, whatever be its precise import, will open the door for a thorough exposure of the management, and perhaps for some definite mode of terminating the scandal which the present attitude of the absconding Directors occasions.

It is surely competent to the legislature to provide for the unchecked operation of the State laws over all that remains of a corporation organized under them; and the power it has it should not hesitate to exercise, as well for protection of great interests as for the vindication of lawful authority over the property if not over the persons of lawless officials. When men are proclaimed outlaws, their claim to the ordinary protection of legal forms ceases. And when those who by their acts proclaim themselves outlaws escape the jurisdiction of the courts, the Legislature may be asked to come to the relief of the community, so far as concerns the corporation of which these men are the managers. Never was there a case more clearly requiring the strong hand of legislative authority than this of the Erie road. The Treasurer and other directors have confessed their inability to justify their conduct in the Courts by running away from the operation of judicial orders and decisions. They are practically, at this moment, outlaws from the State of New-York. They have carried away, too, all the property of the Company that could be carried. The books and papers and the cash of the Company have all been transferred to New-Jersey avowedly to be beyond the reach of New-York law. But the railroad remains. *That*, or the greater part of it, is still subject to the law, and to whatever authority the Legislature, in view of the exceptional condition of affairs, may lawfully exercise.

Some legislative action seems imperatively required to assert the supremacy of legal forms and results over the cunning and unscrupulous doings of the runaway directors. Having defied the State and its laws, may not—must not—the State provide afresh for the management of the road on the general ground that it has no longer a directory of whom the State can take cognizance?

So far as the Drew party have been able to circumvent the laws, they have made the Erie Road a foreign corporation. They have not only transferred themselves and all they could carry to New-Jersey, but they have sought the aid of New-Jersey legislation in furtherance of their purposes. It remains for the lawgivers of this State to consider how they may best vindicate the jurisdiction of its Courts over one of its own corporations, and rescue the railroad from men who have forfeited all right to the administration of its affairs.

The Court of Claims.

The death of Judge WILMOT creates a vacancy on the bench of the Court of Claims, and the importance of that Court is such as makes it the duty of Congress and the public to see that it is filled only by a first-class man.

The cases which come before the Court of Claims generally involve very large amounts, and behind them are trains of similar cases awaiting adjustment in the departments. They also involve unusual and difficult questions of constitutional law for which there are none of the usual precedents and authorities. There is also in interested and influential quarters a jealous dislike of a tribunal which has made such sad havoc with the old plunder system, and scarcely a session of Congress passes without opportunities being found to misrepresent and malign the court, or without efforts to restore the former committee "jobs" that a few years since made Congress infamous. The Judges of the Court of Claims, therefore, need to be lawyers of ability and learning, and to be men of firm and irreproachable integrity. They should stand so high that they shall never be suspected either within Congress or throughout the country. The vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge WILMOT should be filled by such a man, if he can possibly be procured.

As a matter of course there will be a crowd of applicants—and as usual it may safely be assumed that the more pressing and importunate they are, the less worthy and suitable for the position they are also. The Court hitherto has maintained a very high reputation, and no appointment should be thought of which will lower it.

MINOR TOPICS.

A week or two since, we made some suggestions to the Common Council about the management of the ferries, and asked them to exercise the power which they undoubtedly possess of compelling the Companies to provide good and substantial boats, to be run at regular intervals. We are encouraged to see that our words have not been entirely thrown away. At a meeting yesterday of the Board of Councilmen, a resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Ferries which directs the Corporation Counsel to require the Weehawken Ferry to comply at once with the provisions of its franchise in regard to giving the public proper accommodations, under penalty of forfeiting its charter. This is a good beginning, but it might have promised better results for the public if the resolution had been aimed at some ferry of greater importance. There are several which violate their faith to the public just as much as the one-horse affair at the foot of Forty-second-street.

The Democrats in Connecticut, or some of them, seem to be getting a little out of temper. One of the Republican journals recently stated that a Mr. W. M. CONVERSE had announced his intention to vote for Gen. GRANT; whereupon Mr. W. M. C. publishes a card saying that "the man who penned the statement and the journal that published it are infamous liars." This is rather strong language, especially as the statement in question was very much to Mr. CONVERSE'S credit. Certainly it was nothing to get mad about.

There are a great many people who entertain the notion that Queen VICTORIA will (to speak after the manner of the Hibernians) be the last King of England, and who accordingly fancy that the monarchy will soon come to an end. But a Boston writer mentions the rather startling circumstance that if she live as long as her grandfather, GEORGE III., her reign will extend into the Twentieth Century. Though the Queen has been nearly thirty years on the throne she is not yet 49 years of age; and should she prove as long-lived as were all others of the Hanoverian British Sovereigns, she will remain on the throne long after the greater part of this generation have passed away. The Boston writer furnishes the following curious data: "GEORGE I. died at 67, GEORGE II. at 77, GEORGE III. at 82, GEORGE IV. at 68, and WILLIAM IV. at 72. They are a long-lived race, the Guelphs, one of them, GEORGE III., dying in the sixtieth year of his reign, the longest reign in English history. He was 81 years, 7 months and 16 days old when he departed this life, and the same number of years, months and days vouchsafed to Queen VICTORIA would cause her death to fall on the 4th of January, 1901." As nobody has yet been able to entertain the idea that the English people will ever drive Queen VICTORIA from the throne she fills so well, however many Reform bills may be passed, we may thus set ourselves at rest about the stability of the English monarchy until the fast men of the Twentieth Century step upon the stage.

According to the Washington dispatches in the Boston papers the quarrel in the ranks of the Republican Party in Florida is a sectional controversy between Wisconsin and Massachusetts. The Massachusettts men assert that the Wisconsin party has sold out to the rebels, and the Wisconsin men, in turn, say the Massachusetts men are after spoils. The Floridians apparently either care nothing about it, or are not allowed to have any voice in the matter. We suspect the case is very nearly the same in a good many of the Southern States. The natives are compelled to stand back, while the "aliens" from the North fight it out among themselves.

We are afraid American securities do not "rule" high in Ireland. GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, being arrested for debt, handed a schedule of his assets to the Court in London, but it was rejected and denounced as "worth less than so much blank paper." The bloated aristocracy of England never did properly appreciate our stocks and bonds at their proper value. But we never saw them put down at quite so low a figure as this before. Evidently "the Court" has no interest in the Credit Foncier, headquarters at Omaha.

The London *Saturday Review* says that Mr. JOHNSON, in his long struggle with Congress, "has displayed invincible resolution, but he has never been contented to await the results of the mistakes committed by his adversaries. A prudent man would have evaded occasions of collision, but Mr. JOHNSON has sought every opportunity of asserting his own authority." These remarks are perfectly just. Mr. JOHNSON is no tactician or manager. He has but a limited knowledge of men and their principles of action, and the mode by which results are wrought out through legislation. He lacks nearly every quality of a statesman, and is not even competent as a politician. He has honesty and determination, but other qualities beside these are required for his position, and it is for lack of them that he has come to grief.

The latest news from San Domingo is that the country is in anarchy, and the prisons are full. Of course there must be some sort of governing force in existence to keep the prisons full; but this is probably about the full extent of its power. It is painful to see such a rich and charming part of the world given up to ruin and savagery. It is grievous to see the control of such a country in the hands of such a people. But we see no help for it. And we may rest satisfied that if there be any lower depths of human degradation than that which they have reached, it will not require them many years to sink to it. If the population would resort to cannibalism, and devour each other out of existence, it would probably be the best thing that could happen.

The world is outgrowing the old ascetic notions and superstitions, and no longer believes that human enjoyment is a snare of the devil. The Rev. Mr. VINCENT, of Troy, has been advocating all the innocent and rational amusements that take the tastes of young people; and the Young Men's Christian Association, of the same place, has done a good thing in permitting games and plays to be carried on at their reading-tables. These games, such as backgammon, draughts, and cards, are played harmlessly, and the players turn to books or journals when they are tired of the former. Meantime, the young people are kept away from worse haunts and pastimes. This plan of providing well-regulated and agreeable reading-rooms for the people is growing into a custom, and will soon be found to be the best means of instruction and social well-being.

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 30.

IMPEACHMENT WITNESSES.

Among the witnesses for the prosecution in the impeachment trial, is Hon. FOSTER BLODGETT, of Augusta, Ga., who was removed as Postmaster of that place in direct violation of the Tenure of Office act. He had been regularly nominated and confirmed and was serving as Postmaster, when about three months ago he was peremptorily suspended by order of the President through the Post-office Department. No notification of this removal or suspension has ever been received by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Tenure of Office act, and consequently his evidence may be of sufficient importance to form the basis of another article.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

The second conference report on the TAX bill came up in the Senate just before the session of the Court to-day, and its consideration was resumed immediately after the Court adjourned. The changes made were to exempt lumber and breadstuffs from the manufacturer's tax, and to add a new section in place of that on whisky, which abandons the strenuous measures first proposed, and simply provides for an increase of the penalties for fraudulent distillation. The Senate, after a brief debate, agreed to the report. It was not reached in the House.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.

Judge CHURCHILL, of New-York, introduced an important bill to-day amendatory of the act of March 1, 1792, which provides what officers shall succeed to the Presidency in case of a vacancy in that office. To the list designated by that act Judge CHURCHILL adds the Chief Justice of the United States. In case a vacancy occurs more than eighteen months prior to the expiration of a term, a regular election for a full term shall be had in the usual manner. The provisions of the act by which Mr. WADE becomes President, are receiving considerable attention, and there are some who believe it unconstitutional, in that the Constitution by implication provides that the successor of the President must be an officer of the United States, which the President *pro tem.* of the Senate clearly is not.

THE MILWAUKEE AND MINNESOTA RAILROAD.

The Milwaukee and Minnesota Railroad Company, the corporation which succeeded the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company, has met with a sudden and complete collapse at the hands of the Supreme Court. On Monday last a series of decisions were rendered against this Company respecting property and rolling stock claimed by it. This morning Mr. Justice NELSON delivered the final blow upon a creditor's bill, by judgment creditors of the old La Crosse Company, declaring the sale under the Barnes mortgage, under which the Minnesota Company was organized, to be fraudulent and void, and perpetually enjoined that Company from intermeddling with any of the properties, rights or privileges purchased at that sale. So the Company is dead and buried.

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNSEL.

Your correspondent desires emphatically to deny the authorship of a paragraph transmitted by telegraph from New-York to the Western Press and credited to this correspondence, to the effect that Hon. W. M. EVARTS was offered $50,000 to retire from the President's cause after he had been retained by him. No such statement ever appeared in this correspondence.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Monday, March 30.

THE NEW RECONSTRUCTION BILL.

Secretary STANTON has issued, in the form of a general order, the act of Congress amendatory of the act passed March 21, 1867, to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States. It is accompanied by a note by the Department of State, saying the foregoing act, having been presented to the President for his approval, and not having been returned by him within the time constitutionally prescribed, had become a law without his approval.

GEN. HANCOCK ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

The following is the order assigning Gen. HANCOCK to duty in the Division of the Atlantic:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, March 28, 1868.—GENERAL ORDERS, No. 17.—By the direction of the President of the United States, Maj.-Gen. W. S. HANCOCK is relieved from the command of the Fifth Military District and assigned to the command of the Military Division of the Atlantic created by General Orders No 10, of February 13, 1868.

By command of GEN. GRANT.
E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Gen. HANCOCK has returned to this city, and his order assuming command of the Department will be issued to-morrow.

THE LATE GEN. ASBOTH.

Rear-Admiral DAVIS has officially informed the State Department of the death of Gen. ALEXANDER ASBOTH, our Minister resident at the Argentine Republic. He had been hopelessly sick for a long time, and his sufferings had been so great, our Cons

IMPEACHMENT.

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it with the same name which it is a significant fact the partizans of JOHNSON by a concerted cry, applied to the Congress of the United States when he commenced his memorable pilgrimage and crusade against it. It is a still more significant fact that the justification made by CROMWELL and by JOHNSON for setting aside the authority of Parliament and Congress respectively was precisely the same, to wit: that they were elected by part of the people only. When CROMWELL, by his soldiers, finally entered the hall of Parliament to disperse its members, he attempted to cover the enormity of his usurpation by denouncing this man personally as a libertine, that as a drunkard, another as the betrayer of the liberties of the people. JOHNSON started out on precisely the same course, but forgetting the parallel too early, he proclaims this patriot an assassin, that statesman a traitor, threatens to hang that man whom the people delight to honor, and breathes out "threatening and slaughter" against this man, whose services in the cause of human freedom has made his name a household word wherever language is spoken. There is, however, an appreciable difference between CROMWELL and JOHNSON, and there is a like difference in the results accomplished by each.

When BONAPARTE extinguished the Legislature of France, he waited until through his Press and his partizans, and by his own denunciations, he brought its authority into disgrace and contempt, and when finally he drove the Council of the nation from their Chamber, like CROMWELL, he justified himself by personal abuse of the individuals themselves as they passed by him. That the attempt of ANDREW JOHNSON to overthrow Congress has failed, is because of the want of ability and power, not of malignity and will. We are too apt to overlook the danger which may come from words. We are inclined to say that this is only *talk*—wait till some *act* is done, and then it will be time to move. But words may be, and sometimes are, things—living, burning things, that set a world on fire. As a most notable instance of the power of words, look at the inception of the rebellion through which we have just passed. For a quarter of a century the nation took no notice of the talk of disunion and secession which was heard in Congress and on the "stump," until in the South a generation was taught them by words, and the word suddenly burst forth into terrible, awful war. Does any one doubt that if JACKSON had hanged CALHOUN in 1832 for talking nullification and secession, which was embryo treason, the cannon of South Carolina against Fort Sumter would ever have been heard, with all their fearful and deadly consequences?

Nay, more; if the United States officers, Senators and Representatives had been impeached or disqualified from office in 1832, for advocating secession on the "stump," as was done in 1862 by Congress, then our sons and brothers, now dead in battle or starved in prison, had been alive and happy, and a peaceful solution of the question of slavery had been found. Does any one doubt that if the intentions of the respondent could have been carried out, and his denunciations had weakened the Congress in the affections of the people, so that those who had in the North sympathized with the rebellion could have elected such a minority even of the Representatives to Congress as, together with those sent up from the Governments organized by JOHNSON in the rebellious States, they should have formed a majority of both or either House of Congress? That the President would have recognized such body as the legitimate Congress, and attempted to carry out its decrees by the aid of the Army and Navy and the Treasury of the United States, over which he now claims such unheard-of and illimitable powers, and thus lighted the torch of civil war? In all earnestness, Senators, I call each one of you upon his conscience to say whether he does not believe, by such preponderance of evidence drawn from the acts of the respondent since he has been in office, that if the people had not been, as they ever have been, true and loyal to their Congress and themselves, such would not have been the result of these usurpations of power in the Executive? Is it, indeed, to be seriously argued here that there is a constitutional right in the President of the United States, who, during his official life, can never lay aside his official character to denounce, malign, abuse, ridicule and contemn, openly and publicly, the Congress of the United States—a coördinate branch of the Government? It cannot fail to be observed that the President (shall I dare to say his counsel, or are they compelled by the exigencies of their defence,) have deceived themselves as the *gravamen* of the charge in this article? It does not raise the question of freedom of speech, but of propriety and decency of speech and conduct in a high officer of the Government. ANDREW JOHNSON, the private citizen, as I may reverently hope and trust he soon will be, has the full constitutional right to think and speak what he pleases, in the manner he pleases, and where he pleases, provided always he does not bring himself within the purview of the common law offences of being a common railer and brawler, and a common scold, which he may do, (if a male person is ever liable to commit that crime;) but the dignity of the station, the proprieties of position, the courtesies of office, all of which are a part of the common law of the land, require the President of the United States to observe that gravity of deportment, that fitness of conduct, that appropriateness of demeanor, and those amenities of behavior, which are a part of his high official functions. He stands before the youth of the country the exemplar of all that is of worth in ambition, and all that is to be sought in aspiration; he stands before the men of the country as the grave Magistrate who occupies, if he does not fill, the place once honored by WASHINGTON; nay, far higher and greater, he stands before the world as the representative of free institutions, as the type of a man whom the suffrages of a free people have chosen as their chief. He should be the living evidence of how much better, higher, nobler, and more in the image of God, is the elected ruler of a free people than a hereditary monarch coming into power by the accident of birth; and when he disappoints all these hopes and all these expectations, and becomes the ribald, scurrilous blasphemer, bandying epithets and taunts with a jeering mob, shall he be heard to say that such conduct is not a high misdemeanor in office? Nay, disappointing the hopes, causing the cheeks to burn with shame, exposing to the taunts and ridicule of every nation the good name and fame of the chosen institutions of thirty millions of people, is it not the highest possible crime and misdemeanor in office? and, under the circumstances, the *gravamen* of these charges? The words are not alleged to be either false or defamatory, because it is not within the power of any man, however high his official position, in effect to slander the Congress of the United States, in the ordinary sense of that word, so as to call on Congress to answer as to the truth of the accusation. We do not go in, therefore, to any question of truth or falsity. We rest upon the scandal of the scene. We would as soon think, in the trial of an indictment against a termagant as a common scold, of summoning witnesses to prove that what she said was not true. It is the noise and disturbance in the neighborhood that is the offence, and not a question of the provocation or irritation which causes the outbreak. At the risk of being almost offensive, but protesting that if so it is not my fault, but that of the person whose acts I am describing, let me but faintly picture to you the scene at Cleveland and St. Louis.

THE CLEVELAND AND ST. LOUIS SPEECHES.

It is evening. The President of the United States on a journey to do homage at the tomb of an illustrious statesman, accompanied by the head of the army and navy and Secretary of State, has arrived in the great central city of the continent. He has been welcomed by the civic authorities. He has been escorted by a procession of the benevolent charitable societies and citizens and soldiers to his hotel. He has returned thanks, in answer to an address of the Mayor, to the citizens who have received him. The hospitality of the city has provided a banquet for him and his suite, when he is again expected to address the chosen guests of the city where all things may be conducted in decency and in order. While he was resting, as one would have supposed he would have to do from the fatigue of the day, a noisy crowd of men and boys, washed and unwashed, drunk and sober, black and white, assemble in the street, who make night hideous by their bawling, quitting the drawing-room, without the advice of his friends, the President of the United States rushes forth on to the balcony of the hotel to address what proves to have been a mob, and this he calls in his answer a "fit occasion on which he is held to the high duty of expressing opinions of and concerning the legislation of Congress, proposed or completed, in respect of its wisdom, experience, justice, worthiness, objects, purposes, and public and political motives and tendencies." Observe now, upon this fit occasion, like in all respects to that at Cleveland, when the President is called upon by the constitutional requirements of his office to expound "the wisdom, expediency, justice, worthiness, objects, purposes and tendencies of the acts of Congress," what he says and the manner in which he says it. Does he speak with the gravity of a Marshall when expounding constitutional law? Does he use the polished sentences of a Wirt? Or, failing in these, which may be his misfortune, does he in plain, homely words of truth and soberness endeavor to instruct the men and youth before him in their duty to obey the laws and to reverence their rulers, and to prize their institutions of government? Although he may have been mistaken in the aptness of the occasion for such didactic instructions, still good teaching is never thrown away. He shows, however, by his language, as he had shown at Cleveland, that he meant to adapt himself to the occasion. He has hardly opened his mouth, as we shall show you, when some one in the crowd cries, "How about our British subjects?" The Chief Executive, supported by his Secretary, of State, so that all the foreign relations and diplomatic service were fully represented, with a dignity that not even his counsel can appreciate, and with an amenity which must have delighted Downing-street, answers: "We will attend to John Bull after a while, so far as that is concerned." The mob, ungrateful, receives this bit of expression of opinion upon the justice, worthiness, objects, purposes, and public and political motives and tendencies of our relations with the Kingdom of Great Britain, as they fell from the honored lips of the President of the United States, with laughter, and the more unthinking, with cheers. Having thus disposed of our diplomatic relations with the first naval and commercial nation on earth, the President next proceeds to instruct, in manner aforesaid, and for the purposes aforesaid, this noisy mob on the subject of the riots, upon which his answer says, "it is the constitutional duty of the President to express opinion for the purposes aforesaid." A voice calls out "New-Orleans, go on!" After a graceful exordium, the President expresses his high opinion that a measure, wherein his pardoned and unpardoned rebel associates and friends deliberately shot down and murdered unarmed Union men without provocation, even HONTOR, the minister of the living God, as his hands were raised to the Prince of Peace, praying, in the language of the great martyr, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," was the result of the laws passed by the legislative department of your Government in the words following, that is to say: "If you will take up the riot at New-Orleans, and trace it back to its source, or to its immediate cause, you will find out who was responsible for the blood that was shed there." * * * "If you take up the riot at New-Orleans, and take it back to the Radical Congress." This, as we might expect, was received by the mob, composed doubtless in large part of unrepresented rebels, with great cheering and cries of "bully." It was "bully" for them to learn on the authority of the President of the United States that they might shoot down Union men and patriots, and lay the sin of the murder upon the Congress of the United States; and this was another bit of opinion which the counsel say it was the high duty of the President to express upon the "justice, worthiness, objects, purposes and public and political motives and tendencies of the legislation of your Congress." After some further debate with the mob some one, it seems, had called "traitor."

The President of the United States, on this fitting, Constitutional occasion, immediately took this as personal, and replies to it:

"Now, my countrymen, it is very easy to indulge in epithets; it is very easy to call a man a Judas, and cry out traitor, but when he is called upon to give arguments and facts, he is very often found wanting."

What were the "facts that were found wanting" which, in the mind of the President, prevented him from being a Judas Iscariot? He shall state the "wanting facts in his own language on this occasion when he is exercising his high Constitutional prerogative."

"Judas Iscariot! Judas! There was a Judas once, one of the twelve Apostles. Oh! yes; the twelve Apostles had a Christ. (A voice: And a Moses, too. Great laughter.) The twelve Apostles had a Christ, and he never could have had a Judas unless he had had the twelve Apostles. If I have played the Judas, who has been my Christ that I have played the Judas with? Was it Thad. Stevens? Was it Wendell Phillips? Was it Charles Sumner?"

If it were not that the blasphemy shocks us we should gather from all this that it dwelt in the mind of the President of the United States that the only reason why he was not a Judas was that he had not been able to find a Christ towards whom to play the Judas. It would appear that this "opinion," given in pursuance of his constitutional obligation, was received with cheers and hisses. Whether the cheers were that certain patriotic persons named by him might be hanged, or the hissing was because of the inability of the President to play the part of Judas for the reason before stated, I am sorry to say the evidence will not inform us.

His answer makes the President say that it is his "duty to express opinions concerning the public characters, and the conduct, views, purposes, objects, motives, and tendencies of all men engaged in the public service." Now, as "the character, motives, tendencies, purposes, objects and views" of Judas alone had opinions expressed about them on this fit occasion, (although he seemed to desire to have some others, whose names he mentioned, hanged,) I shall leave his counsel to inform you what were the public services of Judas Iscariot, to say nothing of Moses, which it was the constitutional duty and right of the President of the United States to discuss on this particularly "fit occasion."

But I will not pursue this revolting exhibition any further. I will only show you at Cleveland, the crowd and the President of the United States, in the darkness of night bandying epithets with each other, crying, "Mind your dignity, Andy;" "Don't get mad, Andy;" "Bully for you, Andy."

I hardly dare shock, as I must, every sense of propriety, by calling your attention to the President's allusion to the death of the sainted martyr, Lincoln, as the means by which he attained his office, and if it can be justified in any man, public or private, I am entirely mistaken in the commonest proprieties of life. The President shall tell his own story:

"There was, two years ago, a ticket before you for the Presidency. I was raised upon that ticket with a distinguished citizen, now no more. [VOICES, 'Its a pity,' 'Too bad,' 'Unfortunate.'] Yes, I know there are some who say 'unfortunate.' Yes, unfortunate for some that God rules on high and deals in justice." [Cheers.]

Yes, unfortunate. The ways of Providence are mysterious and incomprehensible, controlling all who exclaim "unfortunate."

THE ILLEGALITY OF CONGRESS.

Article eleven charges that the President, having denied in a public speech on the 18th of August, 1866, at Washington, that the Thirty-ninth Congress was authorized to exercise legislative power, and denying that the legislation of said Congress was valid or obligatory upon him, or that it had power to propose certain amendments to the Constitution, did attempt to prevent the execution of the act entitled "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," by unlawfully attempting to devise means by which to prevent Mr. STANTON from resuming the functions of the office of Secretary of the Department of War, notwithstanding the refusal of the Senate to concur in his suspension, and that he also contrived means to prevent the execution of an act of March 2, 1867, which provides that all military orders shall be issued through the General of the Army of the United States, and also another act of the same 2d of March, commonly known as the Reconstruction act. To sustain this charge, proof will be given of his denial of the authority of Congress as charged; also his letter to the General of the army, in which he admits that he endeavored to prevail on him by promises of pardon and indemnity to disobey the requirements of the Tenure of Office act, and to hold the office of Secretary of War against Mr. STANTON after he had been reinstated by the Senate; that he chided the General for not acceding to his request, and declared that had he known that he (GRANT) would not have acceded to his wishes he would have taken other means to prevent Mr. STANTON from resuming his office; his admissions in his answer that his purpose was from the first suspension of Mr. STANTON, Aug. 12, 1867, to oust him from office, notwithstanding the decision of the Senate under the act; his order to Gen. GRANT to refuse to recognize any order of Mr. STANTON purporting to come from himself after he was so reinstated, and his order to Gen. THOMAS as an officer of the army of the United States to take possession of the War Office, not transmitted as it should have been through the General of the army, and the declarations of Gen. THOMAS that, as an officer of the army of the United States, he felt bound to obey the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. To prove further the purpose and intent with which his declarations were made, and his denial of the power of Congress to propose amendments to the Constitution, and as one of the means employed by him to prevent the execution of the acts of Congress, we shall show he has opposed and hindered the pacification of the country and the return of the insurrectionary States to the Union, and has advised the Legislature of the State of Alabama not to adopt the Constitutional Amendment known as the 14th article, when appealed to to know if it was best for the Legislature so to do; and this, too, after that amendment had been adopted by a majority of the loyal State Legislatures, and after, in the election of 1866, it had been sustained by an overwhelming majority of the loyal people of the United States.

I do not propose to comment further on this article, because, if the Senate shall have decided that all the acts charged in the preceding articles are justified by law, then so large a part of the intent and purposes with which the respondent is charged in this article would fall of proof, that it would be difficult to say whether he might not, with equal impunity, violate the laws known as the Reconstruction acts, which in his message he declares "as plainly unconstitutional as any that can be imagined." If that be so, why should he not violate them? If, therefore, the judgment of the Senate shall sustain us upon the other articles, we shall take judgment upon this by confession, as the respondent declares in the same message that he does not intend to execute them. Is it wonderful at all that such a speech, which seems to have been unprovoked, and coolly uttered, should have elicited the single response from the crowd, "Bully for you." I go no further. I might follow this *ad nauseam*. I grant the President of the United States further upon this disgraceful scene the mercy of my silence. Tell me now who can read this account of this exhibition, and reflect that the result of our institutions of government has been to place such a man, so lost to decency and propriety of conduct, so unfit, in the high office of ruler of this nation, without blushing and hanging his head in shame, as the finger of scorn and contempt for Republican Democracy is pointed at him by some advocate of monarchy in the old world? What answer have you when an intelligent foreigner says: Look! see! this is the culmination of the ballot unpolluted in the hands of a free people, in a country where any man may aspire to the office of President. Is not our Government of a hereditary king or emperor a better one, where at least our sovereign is born a gentleman, than to have such a thing as this for a ruler?" Yes, we have an answer. We can say this man was not the choice of the people for the President of the United States. He was thrown to the surface by the whirlpool of civil war, and carelessly, we grant, elected to the second place in the Government, without thought that he might ever fill the first. By murder most foul he succeeded to the Presidency, and is the elect of an assassin to that high office and not of the people. "It was a grievous fault, and grievously have we answered it;" but let me tell you, Oh advocate of monarchy! that our form of Government gives us a remedy for such misfortune, which yours, with its divine right of Kings, does not. We can remove—as we are about to do—from the office he has disgraced, by the sure, safe and constitutional method of impeachment; while your King, if he becomes a buffoon, or a jester, or a tyrant, can only be displaced through revolution, bloodshed and civil war. This—this, oh monarchist!—is the crowning glory of our institutions, because of which, if for no other reason, our form of government claims precedence over all other Governments on the earth.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATION.

To the bar of this high tribunal, invested with all its great power and duties, the House of Representatives has brought the President of the United States by the most solemn form of accusation, charging him with high crimes and misdemeanors in office as set forth in the several articles to which I have thus feebly presented your attention. Now, it seems necessary that I should briefly touch upon and bring freshly to your remembrance the history of some of the events of his administration of affairs in his high office, in order that the intents with which, and the purposes for which the respondent committed the acts alleged against him, may be fully understood. Upon the first reading of the articles of impeachment, the question might have arisen in the mind of some Senator, why are these acts of the President only presented by the House, when history informs us that others equally dangerous to the liberties of the people, if not more so, and others of equal usurpation of powers, if not greater, are passed by in silence? To such possible inquiry we reply: That the acts set out in the first eight articles are but the culmination of a series of wrongs, malfeasances and usurpations committed by the respondent, and therefore need to be examined in the light of his precedent and concomitant acts to grasp their scope and design. The last three articles presented show the perversity and malignity with which he acted, so that the man as he is known to us may be clearly spread upon record to be seen and known of all men hereafter. What has been the respondent's course of administration? For the evidence we rely upon common fame and current history as sufficient proof. By the common law, common fame, "*Si oriatur apud bones et graves*," was ground of indictment even. More than 200 years ago it was determined in Parliament "that common fame is a good ground for the proceeding of this House, either to inquire of here or to transmit to the complaint, if the House find cause, to the King or Lords." now, is it not well known to all good and grave men (*bones et graves*) that ANDREW JOHNSON entered the office of President of the United States at the close of an armed rebellion, making loud denunciation, frequently, and everywhere, "that traitors ought to be punished, and treason should be made odious; that the loyal and true men of the South should be fostered and encouraged; and, if there were but few of them, to such only should be given in charge the reconstruction of the disorganized States. Do not all men know that soon afterward he changed his course, and only made treason odious, so far as he was concerned, by appointing traitors to office, and by indiscriminate pardon to all who "came in unto him." Who does not know that ANDREW JOHNSON initiated, of his own will, a course of reconstruction of the rebel States, which at all time he claimed was provisional only, and until the meeting of Congress, and its action thereon? Who does not know that when Congress met and undertook to legislate upon the very subject of reconstruction of which he had advised them in his message, which they alone had the constitutional power to do, ANDREW JOHNSON last aforesaid again changed his course, and declared that Congress had no power to legislate upon that subject, but that the two Houses had only the power separately to judge of the qualifications of the members who might be sent to each by rebellious constituencies, active under State organizations which ANDREW JOHNSON had called into existence by his fiat, the electors of which were voting by his permission and under his limitations? Who does not know that when Congress, assuming its rightful power to propose amendments to the Constitution, had passed such an amendment, and had submitted it to the States as a measure of pacification, ANDREW JOHNSON advised and counselled the Legislatures of the States lately in rebellion, as well as others, to reject the Amendment, so that it might not operate as law, and thus establish equality of suffrage in all the States, and equality of rights in the number of the Electoral College and in the number of the representatives to the Congress of the United States. Lest any one should doubt the correctness of this piece of history, or the truth of this common fame, we shall show you that while the Legislature of Alabama was deliberating upon the reconsideration of the vote whereby it had rejected the Constitutional Amendment, the fact being brought to the knowledge of ANDREW JOHNSON, and his advice asked, he, by a telegraphic message, under his own hand, here to be produced, to show his intent and purposes, advised the Legislature against passing the Amendment, and to remain firm in their opposition to Congress. We shall show like advice of ANDREW JOHNSON upon the same subject, to the Legislature of South Carolina, and this too, in the Winter of 1867, after the action of Congress in proposing the constitutional amendments had been sustained in the previous election by an overwhelming majority. Thus we charge that ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, not only endeavors to thwart the constitutional action of Congress and bring it to naught, but also to hinder and oppose the execution of the will of the loyal people of the United States expressed in the only mode by which it can be done, through the ballot-box in the election of their Representatives. Who does not know that from the hour he began these, his usurpations of power, he everywhere denounced Congress, the legality and constitutionality of its action, and defied its legitimate powers, and, for that purpose, announced his intention and carried out his purpose, as far as he was able, of removing every true man from office who sustained the Congress of the United States; and it is to carry out this plan of action that he claims the unlimited power of removal, for the illegal exercise of which he stands before you this day. Who does not know that, in pursuance of the same plan, he used his veto power in discriminately to prevent the passage of wholesome laws, enacted for the pacification of the country; and, when laws were passed by the constitutional majority over his vetoes, he made the most determined opposition, both open and covert, to them, and, for the purpose of making that opposition effectual, he endeavored to array, and did array, all the people lately in rebellion to set themselves against Congress and against the true and loyal men, their neighbors, so that murders, assassinations and massacres were rife all over the Southern States, which he encouraged by his refusal to consent that a single murderer be punished, though thousands of good men have been slain; and further, that he attempted by military orders to prevent the execution of acts of Congress by the military commanders who were charged therewith.

These and his concurrent acts show conclusively that his attempt to get the control of the military force of the Government, by the seizing of the Department of War, was done in pursuance of his general design, if it were possible, to overthrow the Congress of the United States; and he now claims by his answer the right to control as his own will, for the execution of his own design, every officer of the army, navy, civil and diplomatic service of the United States. He asks you here, Senators, by your solemn adjudication, to confirm him in that right, to invest him with that power, to be used with the intents and for the purposes which he has already shown. The responsibility is with you; the safeguards of the Constitution against usurpation are in your hands; the interests and hopes of free institutions wait upon your decision. The House of Representatives has done its duty. We have presented the facts in the constitutional manner; we have brought the criminal to your bar, and demand judgment at your hands for his so great crimes. Never again, if ANDREW JOHNSON go quit and free this day, can the people of this or any other country, by constitutional checks or guards, stay the usurpations of Executive power. I speak, therefore, not the language of exaggeration, but the words of truth and soberness, in saying, that the future political welfare and liberties of all men hang trembling on the decision of the hour.

During the delivery of Mr. BUTLER'S address, which he read from printed slips, the President's counsel were attentive listeners, and took occasional notes. The stenographic clerk of the Attorney-General's office, in the meantime was industriously taking it down at the counsel's table. The same orderly and well-dressed audience as on former occasions comfortably filled the galleries.

CARL SCHURZ was observable among those admitted to the privileges of the floor.

At five minutes before three o'clock Senator WILSON interrupted Mr. BUTLER to move that the Senate take a recess of ten minutes.

Mr. BUTLER—I am very much obliged to the Senator.

The Chief Justice put the question on the motion and declared it adopted, and the Senate took a recess accordingly.

The Chief Justice promptly called the Senate to order at the expiration of the ten minutes, and Mr. BUTLER concluded his opening at 3:53 o'clock. His descriptions of the scenes at St. Louis caused several audible titters in the gallery, particularly when bowing low to the President's counsel, he reiterated with emphasis the words "high constitutional prerogatives."

Mr. BINGHAM, of the Managers, then rose and said:

MR. PRESIDENT: The Managers on the part of the House are ready to proceed with the testimony to make good the Articles of Impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives against the President of the United States, and my associate, Mr. WILSON, will present the testimony.

Mr. WILSON—I wish to state in behalf of the Managers that notwithstanding the meaning of the documents which we deem important to be presented in evidence have been set out in the exhibits accompanying the answers, and also some of the answers, we still are of opinion that it is proper for us to introduce the documents originally by way of guarding against any mishaps that might arise from imperfect copies set out in the answers. I offer, first, on behalf of the Managers, a certified copy of the oath of office of the President of the United States, which I will read:

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."
(Signed) ANDREW JOHNSON.

To which is attached the following certificate:

I, SALMON P CHASE, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, hereby certify that on the 18th day of April, 1865, at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, personally appeared ANDREW JOHNSON, Vice-President, upon whom by the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN late President, the duties of the office of President have devolved, and took and subscribed the oath of office above set forth.
(Signed) SALMON P. CHASE, Chief Justice.

Mr. WILSON read the attestation of the document by FREDERICK H. SEWARD, acting Secretary of State, and continued, I now offer the nomination of Mr. EDWIN M. STANTON as Secretary of War by President LINCOLN. It is as follows:

In Executive session, Senate of the United States, Jan. 13, 1862, the following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. NICOLAY, his Secretary.

To the Senate of the United States:

I nominate EDWIN M. STANTON, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of War in place of SIMON CAMERON, nominated to be Minister to Russia.
(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Jan. 13, 1862.

I next offer the ratification of the Senate in Executive session upon the said nomination. "In Executive session, Senate of the United States, Jan. 15, 1862:"

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of EDWIN M. STANTON, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of War, agreeable to the nomination.

Mr. WILSON read the certification by JOHN W. FORNEY, Secretary of the Senate. I next offer a copy of the communication made to the Senate Dec. 12, 1867, by the President, in which he assigns some of the reasons for the suspension of the Secretary of War.

Several Senators—Read it.

Mr. WILSON proceeded to read the somewhat lengthy document until at 4:20 o'clock senator SHERMAN rose and said: Mr. President—If the Honorable Managers would allow me I would move to adjourn.

Mr. STANBERRY said as far as the Counsel were concerned they would dispense with the reading.

Mr. SHERMAN—I move that the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjourn until to-morrow at the usual hour.

Mr. SUMNER suggested an adjournment until 10 o'clock; but the Chief Justice put the question on Mr. SHERMAN'S motion, declared it carried, and vacated the chair.

TELEGRAMS.

The Irish Church Establishment Act in the House of Commons.

England Not to Interfere in the Affairs of Paraguay.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England Not to Interfere in Paraguayan Affairs—The Irish Church Establishment Act.

LONDON, Monday, March—Midnight.

In the House this evening, Lord MALMESBURY disclaimed any intention upon the part of the English Government to interfere in the affairs of Paraguay.

In the House of Commons petitions in favor of and against the Irish Church Establishment were read.

Mr. GLADSTONE, after calling for the reading of the Acts of Parliament, in relation to the Irish Church, moved that the House proceed to consider them. He declared the time had come when the Irish Church should cease to exist as a State establishment. He would give no details of the means by which this was to be brought about, because it was not the duty of the Opposition to arrange them. All proprietary rights should be respected. There should no longer be a salaried clergy paid by the State and connected with the Church. A fund for the benefit of Ireland should be created from the balances of the incomes of the Church. Mr. GLADSTONE proceeded to explain that the Liberal Party had not dealt with this question, because it had never before been presented to them in a concrete shape, as at the present time. Both parties, he said, were excusable for neglecting the subject, because the public sense had not before been fully aroused in regard to it. He repelled the charge of apostacy which had been made against him. Speaking of measures which should be adopted, he recommended that the churches and parsonages should be left to the clergy; those who chose to maintain them would indemnify the owners of the advowson.

After further arguments Mr. GLADSTONE closed with an appeal to the House to take some definite action.

Lord STANLEY replied, opposing too hasty action in the matter, saying the House should wait until the Commission on the Irish Church should make that report; and concluded by moving his resolution, of which he gave notice last Friday, that the subject be left over for the consideration of the next Parliament.

Mr. CRANBORNE, the member for Stamford, moved a resolution that the principle of disestablishing the Irish Church be settled now, and the details be left to the next Parliament.

The debate was then adjourned.

A bill abolishing flogging in the army has passed the House of Commons.

ITALY.

Admiral Farragut at Rome.

ROME, Monday, March 30.

Admiral FARRAGUT is again in this city on a brief visit, previous to his departure for Naples.

Adjournment of the California Legislature—Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Monday, March 30.

The California Legislature adjourned to-day *sine die*. The following are among the principal acts passed during the session:

Creating a State University, and providing funds for the same; granting terminal privileges to the Pacific Railroad, and finally selling out the side land titles of San Francisco; abolishing the State Geological Survey, an appropriation of $15,000 being made to meet the deficiency during the past two years, and to wind up affairs.

The Legislature refused to repeal the present Sunday law, or to elect a State Harbor Commissioner.

Slight shocks of earthquake were experienced in this city on Saturday and Sunday.

The sailing of the steamer *Golden City* has been postponed until to-morrow, on account of the non-arrival of the steamer *China* from Hong Kong.

Flour quiet; Extra, $8; Superfine, $7 25. Wheat, $2 45@$2 50. Legal-tenders, 72.

Riot Among Coal-Miners at Mehoopport, Penn.

PITTSBURG, PENN., Monday, March 30.

Rumors have reached here of a disastrous riot in the coal regions near McKeesport. A telegram has been received by the Mayor asking for a large Police force, and the Coroner has also been sent for.

SECOND DISPATCH.

Intelligence reached this city, to-night, that a bloody riot occurred in the morning at JOHN O'NEIL'S coal mines at Six Mile ferry, near McKeesport. Some of O'NEIL'S men who had been "out" for sometime, went to work, when two hundred men arrived from a neighboring works and called upon them to come out.

They were armed with clubs and other weapons. O'NEIL and his men resisted them, shooting and killing one man, and wounding five—one seriously. Mr. O'NEIL was severely but not dangerously wounded by clubs. The mob has gone back, and Mr. O'NEIL is guarded by about one hundred armed men. To-night the Chief of Police, Mr. GREENE, and the Coroner were telegraphed for, and will leave for the scene of the disturbance in the morning.

The Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Monday, March 30.

In the Virginia Reconstruction Convention to-day an ordinance authorizing the issue of certificates of indebtedness to the members of the Convention up to April 6, receivable at the State Treasury in payment of all dues to the State, was referred.

A resolution to suspend payment of the interest on the State debt was also referred.

The report on education was finished.

Another amendment to separate the two races in the schools was lost—37 to 21. The ordinance directs the establishment by the Legislature of a uniform system of free schools, to be in operation by the year 1874.

The Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, MISS., Monday, March 30.

In the Mississippi Reconstruction Convention one section of the Judiciary report was adopted.

A motion to take a recess for three weeks was lost.

The policy is not to adjourn until the impeachment trial closes.

Arrival of the City of Boston.

The Inman steamship *City of Boston*, which left Liverpool March 18 and Queenstown March 19, arrived at this port last evening. The advices she brings are two days later than were previously at hand by the Bremen steamship *Union*.

Senator Wade's Views on Protection.

Mr. WADE has addressed the following letter to the Secretary of the American Industrial League:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 1868.

John Williams, Esq.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your letter and the address, &c. You are right in supposing me in hearty sympathy with the objects of your League. The subject is by far the most important that can occupy the thoughts of a statesman, and, indeed, all others, and I shall be glad to co-operate in every way possible. At present, in these exciting times, I have so much on hand that it is impossible for me to devote much time to any one subject, but you have my best wishes for your success, and whenever I can find an opportunity to lend a helping hand, it shall be done with a will.

With great respect,
B. F. WADE.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Monday, March 30.

The Supply bill was reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, and made the special order for Tuesday morning.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. BRADSTREET—To incorporate the New-York Health and Accident Insurance Company.

By Mr. C. L. SMITH—To elect Superintendents of the Poor in Kings County by districts.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. BARNY—That the Treasurer of the Binghamton Inebriate Asylum report to the Assembly immediately whether he paid ARRENDURF BIRDSALL and PETER S. DANFORTH the sum of $5,000 for procuring legislation in the year 1867, as charged and sworn to by T. JEFFERSON GARDINER, and if said money was expended, what are the items of said expenditure. Adopted.

Wednesday evening was set apart for the consideration of claim bills.

The Speaker announced W. S. CLARK, of Schoharie, and Mr. QUIRK, of New-York, as additional managers in the impeachment case of ROBERT C. DOEN.

Adjourned.

Adroit Robbery of a Madison-avenue Mansion.

The family of Mr. TOWERS, No. 162 Madison-avenue, being about to leave the City for Europe, the furniture has been offered for sale and the house to be let, and permits to view the premises have been granted by E. H. LUDLOW & Co. Yesterday afternoon two men of respectable appearance, called at the house with the proper permit, and desired to see the furniture which one of them professed a desire to buy, the other purporting to be a furniture dealer whom he had brought with him for the purpose of making an estimate of the value of articles. The two men were shown over the house by the servant girl, examining everything critically as they proceeded, and making the survey in a very leisurely and business-like manner. In one of the upper and more private rooms one of the men followed the servant into an adjoining room, but the other lingered to examine a cupboard, the door of which could be so opened as to cut off the view of the parties in the adjoining room. Having finished the survey of the house, the two men took their departure, and it was not until some time after they had left that it was discovered that a bureau drawer in the room in which the man had been interested in the cupboard, had been forced and rifled of a number of diamond rings, valued at $1,500. There were other articles of jewelry of great value in the same drawer and the other drawers of the bureau, which were left untouched, probably from the hurry with which the theft was accomplished.

The clever robbers, although they have managed to escape with their booty, are well known to the Police, and the detectives, even before this robbery, were on their track. Some days since, persons answering the description given by the servant girl of these men were interrogated by a telegram from inspector DILKS in an attempt to perpetrate a similar robbery in a house in Thirty-eighth-street.

NEW-JERSEY.

ATTEMPT TO FORCE A PRIZE FIGHT.—On Sunday afternoon, while a boy named MYRTLE, residing in Hudson City, together with two companions, was walking along the vacant lots in the Fourth Ward, they met a gang of ten young roughs, some of them belonging in New-York, when one of them, JOHNNY MOORE, also a resident of Hudson City, proposed to MYRTLE to have a square stand-up fight, in order to ascertain which of them should have the honor of being the best pug. MYRTLE declined the challenge, saying that he did not wish to engage in a fight, and was willing to concede that MOORE was too much for him. This did not satisfy the pugnacious MOORE, who thereupon commenced to strip, while his fellow roughs formed a ring, determined to force the fight. Thereupon MYRTLE made a break and succeeded in making his escape. The Police were informed of the circumstances, and the young candidate for pugilistic honors being subsequently apprehended, is now held in default of $300 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning Officers STRATFORD and ROSE, while patroling their beats, in the upper part of Jersey City, caught THOMAS CONNERS *alias* Sugar Conners, and JOHN NOLAN, carting away some railroad ties to their homes, in "Frogtown," probably for the purpose of working them up into firewood. It was subsequently ascertained that the ties were the property of the New-Jersey Railroad Company, and had been taken from the vicinity of Bergen Cut. The prisoners were held for trial.

AN INFANT SMOTHERED TO DEATH.—An infant son of JACOB HARRISON, residing in Newark-avenue, Hudson City, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The supposition is that it had been overlain by its parents and smothered to death. Coroner WARREN will hold an inquest.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—Real estate transactions in Hudson City are very brisk at the present time. During last week one real estate agent, Mr. PLATT sold property amounting in the aggregate to $39,000.

SINGULAR DEATH AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner SCHIRMER at Bellevue Hospital over the body of JOHN FERGUSON, a native of Ireland, 39 years of age, lately employed as a porter in the laboratory of the hospital. The evidence showed that Saturday evening, about 8 o'clock, the deceased was taken violently ill in the drug-store of the hospital, immediately after drinking some beer out of one of the measures used in the mixing of drugs. The deceased continuing to grow worse, at 5:30 o'clock was conveyed to one of the wards, but died as they were putting him in bed. Dr. REUBEN A. VANCE, Senior Assistant at Bellevue Hospital, attended FERGUSON prior to his death, and twenty hours after death made an autopsical examination which convinced him that death had been caused by an overdose of aconite. Having been previously of opinion that the sickness was caused by that drug, he says that immediately after the death he examined all the measures used in the apothecary shop, and found them clean; there were none of the preparations of aconite to be found out of their proper vessels, and these vessels were plainly marked with the name of the drug. Other witnesses testified that there was a bottle of the fluid extract of aconite standing on a shelf near a window where the deceased worked, but that none of the drug had been used on Saturday. In the absence of more definite testimony, the jury rendered a verdict of death from an overdose of aconite.

ANOTHER PROBABLE MURDER.—At midnight, last night, JAMES MCCABE, a native of Ireland, 27 years of age, living at No. 528 West Twenty-eighth-street, went to Officer MILLER, of the Twentieth Precinct, on his post, corner of Twenty-seventh-street and Ninth-avenue, and stated that he had been stabbed by some unknown person. MCCABE had a frightful wound in the right breast and was bleeding profusely, and was unable to give the officer any further particulars of the affray. He was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital and was pronounced by the Surgeon to be in a dying condition. Owing to the lateness of the hour it was impossible to obtain any further particulars.

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The South Side Railroad runs from the East River, Brooklyn, through all the villages on the south side of the island to Patchogue, distance 55 miles, 36 miles complete and running. Net earnings are now during the winter months paying interest on the bonds. The road is graded to Islip, nine miles on the line, and the entire line will be completed as soon as the weather will permit.

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The title of the ST. LOUIS AND IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD having been confirmed by both branches of the Legislature, and the bonds declared valid, the work of extending the road will now go rapidly forward; 45 miles of the same will be running next August, and the balance during the early part of the next year, so that a continuous route will be opened in about one year to Mobile and New-Orleans. The old part of the road (81 miles) earns enough to meet the interest on the whole mortgage debt; the entire proceeds of this issue being expended on the extension adds to the security. Further information and pamphlets can at the office of the Company. The bonds will be sold until the 10th April at the low price of 82½.

H. G. MARQUAND, Vice-President,

No. 43 Wall-st.

HOUSTON GAS COMPANY BONDS.

The undersigned offer for sale $40,000 of mortgage bonds of the Houston Gaslight Company, State of Texas. These bonds are part of an issue of $50,000, by the Company, and are secured by a mortgage on their franchise and the entire property of the Company to P. M. Spofford, Trustee.

Interest at the per cent. per annum is payable semi-annually at the office of the Company, in Houston, or in this City at the office of the undersigned.

SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY ELECTION.

The annual election for Directors and three Inspectors of Election will be held at the office, No. 16 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, April 8, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M. JAS. YERANCE, Secretary.

LEHIGH AND SUSQUEHANNA COAL COMPANY.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 52 Broad-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order HENRY ASHLEY, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

NO. 59 WALL-ST.,

ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

The coupons of the First Mortgage 8 per cent. Bonds of the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, due 1st April proximo, will be paid on and after that date at the banking house of GILMAN, SON & CO., No. 47 Exchange-place.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, Ill., March 16, 1868.

NOTICE TO STOCK AND BONDHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders and voting Bondholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, that the annual meeting of said Company for the election of three Directors and transaction of any other business that may be presented, will be held at the office of this Company, in Chicago, Ill., on MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The transfer-books of the Company will be closed at the close of business on the 25th inst., and reopened for transfers on the morning of April 7, 1868.

W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 15 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1868.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.—Notice is hereby given that we have this day designated by lot (U. S. bonds numbered as follows: 263, 265, 276, 294, 367, 387, 389, 432, 4-8, 466, 523, 454, 599, 161, 364, 527, 681, 600, 622 and 280) of $1,000 each for redemption.

According to the terms of the mortgage, interest thereon will cease May 1, 1868.

The undersigned are ready to pay them with interest so far as accrued on presentation and surrender.

H. LIDDEN, No. 12 Wall-st.

L. H. MEYER, No. 21 Nassau-st.

OFFICE OF ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, No. 59 BROADWAY, March 23, 1868.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Managers of this Company, held on the 17th day of March, a dividend of Five Dollars per share was declared, payable April 30. The transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 30th of April, and the dividend paid to those holding stock at the closing of the books.

W. B. DINSMORE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE SYRACUSE, BINGHAMTON AND N. Y. R. R. CO., SYRACUSE, March 30, 1868.

THE INTEREST DUE APRIL 1, 1868, on the bonds of the Syracuse, Binghamton and New-York Railroad Company will be paid, at maturity, at the Continental National Bank, in the City of New-York, on presentation of the coupons.

C. WELCH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 212 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 24, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, No. 212 Broadway, on MONDAY, April 6, 1868, from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M. J. A. MORTIMORE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 68 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, March 26, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN DIRECTORS of the Panama Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 68 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 6th of April next. The polls will open at 12 o'clock M., and continue open until 2 P. M.

JOSEPH F. JOY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY OF NEW-JERSEY, No. 103 LIBERTY-ST., NEW-YORK, March 13, 1868.

THE BONDS OF THE AMERICAN DOCK AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, guaranteed by the Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey, can be had at par and the accrued interest of

SAMUEL KNOX, Treasurer.

OFFICE PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 237 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 26, 1868.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR fifteen directors of this Company will be held at the office on MONDAY, 6th of April next. Poll open from 12 M. until 1 P. M. GEO. ALDEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 26, 1868.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS OF THE UNION AND LOGANSPORT RAILROAD COMPANY, due 1st of April next, will be paid at the St. Nicholas National Bank, on and after maturity.

R. B. SMITH, President.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD Coupons of Income Bonds, due April 1, 1868, will be paid on and after that date at the office of Messrs. M. L. JESUP & Co., No. 12 Pine-st., New-York, less Government tax; also, St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago R. R. Company, Jacksonville and Chicago R. R. Company, Jacksonville and Chicago R. R. Company

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Rates of passage from New-York to Halifax: First Cabin, $20; steerage, $10—payable in gold.
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From Pier No. 20 North River, at noon.
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FERNANDINA AND FLORIDA PORTS.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch
The first-class steamship
FLAG, Capt. BAXTER,
for Fernandina, on WEDNESDAY, April 8, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., connecting at Cedar Keys, via Florida Railroad, with the fine steamship MARY, for MOBILE.
Cargo delivered, without lighterage, at Mobile in one week.
Insurance guaranteed at 1½ per cent.
Bills lading furnished and goods forwarded free of commissions to all points on line of Mobile and Ohio Railroad.
Also, through passage-tickets and bills lading issued in connection with railroads in Florida to all places in the interior, and with steamers to points on the St. John's River.
Insurance to Fernandina, 1 per cent; to points on St. John's River, 1¼ per cent.
Superior passage accommodations. Apply to
I. K. ROBERTS, Agent, No. 174 Chambers-st.
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OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
For NORFOLK, CITY POINT and RICHMOND. New and elegant side-wheel steamships
HATTERAS, ALBEMARLE, SARATOGA and NIAGARA,
One of the above first-class ships will be dispatched every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., for Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, connecting with the Seaboard Inland Air-Line, Virginia and Tennessee Air-Line, South-Side and Petersburg Railroads, and Richmond and Danville and Virginia Central Railroads, taking freight and granting through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.
Bills of lading signed on the pier up to the hour of sailing. N. L. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner Day-st.

REGULAR LINE.
FIRST STEAMER
FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.
Freight taken at the lowest rate.
The favorite steamship
EQUATOR,
Capt. SPENCER,
will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on SATURDAY, April 4, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, for Galveston.
For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.
No charge made for drayage in Galveston on goods forwarded to the interior by railroad. Also goods forwarded to Indianola, Lavaca and Brazos without charge.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
MERRIMACK, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, April 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, May 23.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. G. SLOCUM, June 23.
These splendid steamers sail on consecutive time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
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FOR SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.
EMPIRE LINE.
EVERY SATURDAY, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M. Punctuality at 3 P. M.
The favorite side-wheel steamships
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, April 4.
SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, April 11.
Through tickets to all points in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia and Florida steamers.
For freight or passage apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE.
Every TUESDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Wall-st. The favorite steamships
LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, March 31.
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, TUESDAY, April 7.
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 North-st.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st. at 12 o'clock noon,
FOUR TIMES A MONTH,
On 1st, 9th, 16th and 24th,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
APRIL 9—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY.
connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. LAPIDGE.
Steamer leaving May 9 connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco June 3 for China and Japan.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st. F. R. BABY, Agent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 11th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through tickets at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, to Sydney or Melbourne, $240 to $264 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
Arrangements are now completed for issuing through bills of lading. Freight payable here.
For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 59 Wall-st., or to CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY!
THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua,
Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line.
For passage and freight, over both routes, as follows:
VIA PANAMA.
APRIL 7—Steamship GUIDING STAR, connecting with steamship OREGONIAN.
APRIL 15—Steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, connecting with steamship OREGONIAN, for passage and freight.
VIA NICARAGUA.
APRIL 7—Steamship GUIDING STAR, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR, for passengers only.
These steamships are expressly fitted for this trade, and are unsurpassed for safety, speed, elegance and comfort, and their rates for passage and freight will ALWAYS BE LOWER THAN BY ANY OTHER LINE.
For further particulars address the undersigned at No. 177 West-street, New-York.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.
No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
The Panama Mail Steamship Company's Steamer ARIZONA, will sail on WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 12 o'clock, noon. Freight received until Tuesday at 3 P. M.
For rates, &c., inquire at Freight Office, on Company's Pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.
To ensure shipment freight must be sent down early.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole freight agents P. M. S. S. Co.

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MERCHANTS' STEAMSHIP LINE.
Comprising the first-class steamships
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CRESCENT CITY.....Capt. E. W. HOLMES
SHERMAN.....Capt. W. A. PENDLETON
GEN. MEADE.....Capt. A. W. SAMPSON
UNITED STATES.....Capt. GEO. L. NORTON
The steamship
UNITED STATES,
Capt. G. L. NORTON,
Will be dispatched from the foot of MORTON-ST. on SATURDAY, April 4, at 2 o'clock P. M.,
from Pier No. 12 North River.
Freight received at through rates for Mobile and Galveston.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations,
Apply to the agent,
SAMUEL STEVENS,
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FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT,
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 P. M., as follows:
CORTES, SATURDAY, April 4.
GEO. CROMWELL, SATURDAY, April 11.
MARION, SATURDAY, April 18.
GEO. WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, April 25.
For passage or freight apply to the agents.
H. B. CROMWELL & CO.,
No. 86 West-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
New side-wheel steamships
GEN. BARNES, NORTON, THURSDAY, April 2.
H. LIVINGSTON, EATON, THURSDAY, April 9.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, giving through passage tickets over the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points on the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR LINE—EVERY SATURDAY.
The first-class steamships
MONTGOMERY, LYONS, leaves...SATURDAY, April 4
HUNTSVILLE, CROWELL, leaves, SATURDAY, April 11
At 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 North River.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.
Through passage tickets given over the Central R. R. of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf R. R. Florida.

FOR CHARLESTON, BEAUFORT, HILTON HEAD AND THE FLORIDA PORTS—THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, FRIDAY, April 3.
S. S. SOUDER, Capt. LESBY, FRIDAY, April 10.
From Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad, and by steamers to Florida ports.
Freight taken as low as by any other line.
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—Cabin passage, $15. Freight lower than by any other line. The fast and popular steamship SARAGOSSA, M. R. CROWELL, Commander, will sail SATURDAY, April 4 at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, foot of Wall-st. Bills of lading signed for all points in the interior. Agents in Charleston forward all goods free of commission.
MATANZAS will sail on following Saturday.
ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—U. States Passports indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES, Passport Agent, 262 Broadway.

STEAMBOATS.

BRISTOL LINE.
FOR BOSTON Via BRISTOL.
For PROVIDENCE, TAUNTON, NEW-BEDFORD, CAPE COD and all points of railway communication East and North.
The new and splendid steamers BRISTOL and PROVIDENCE leave Pier No. 40 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 5 P. M. daily, Sundays excepted.
Connecting with steamboat express at Bristol at 4:30 A. M., arriving at Boston at 6 A. M., in time to connect with all the Eastern and Northern morning trains from that city.
Tickets and staterooms obtained at office on the pier, (40) and Westcott's Express office, No. 1 Park-place; also, tickets sold and baggage checked through at the offices of Westcott's Express Company in New-York and Brooklyn.
Freights taken at the lowest rates. Freight express train leaves Bristol at 4 A. M., arriving in Boston at 8:30 A. M.
H. O. BRIGGS, General Manager.
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STONINGTON LINE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE
FOR
BOSTON
VIA STONINGTON AND PROVIDENCE.
The new and elegant sea-going steamers
STONINGTON, } MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
Capt. WILL. M. JONES, } and FRIDAY.
NARRAGANSETT, } TUESDAY, THURSDAY and
Capt. GEO. B. HUNT, } SATURDAY.
leaving Pier No. 33 North River, foot of Jay-st., at 5 o'clock P. M., connecting with the Stonington and Providence, and the Boston and Providence Railroads.
NO CHANGE OF CARS.
These splendid steamers are unsurpassed for safety and comfort, and passengers will be landed in Boston in ample time for all the early trains.
For passage, or for freight at the lowest rates, apply at Pier No. 33 North River.
SAMUEL DEVEAU, Agent.
D. S. BABCOCK, President, Stonington Steamboat Company.

SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The SEA BIRD, Capt. H. B. PARKER, will leave pier foot of Barclay-st., N. R., as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Thursday, March 19, 2 P. M.	Friday, March 20, 2:30 P. M.
Saturday, March 21, 7 A. M.	Monday, March 23, 7 A. M.
Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 A. M.	Wednesday, Mar. 25, 8 A. M.
Thursday, Mar. 26, 8:30 A. M.	Friday, March 27, 9 A. M.
Saturday, March 28, 10 A. M.	Monday, Mar. 30, 9:30 A. M.
Tuesday, March 31, 12 M.	

FOR ALBANY AND TROY, FARE $1 50, and proportionate reduction to all points West and North. The steamers C. VANDERBILT and CONNECTICUT leave Pier No. 44 North River, (near foot Spring-st.) daily, (Saturdays excepted,) at 6 P. M. This is the cheapest and pleasantest route to the great West. Fare on Sunday evenings, $2.

FOR SAUGERTIES, LANDING AT Rhinebeck, Barrytown and Tivoli.—The steamer ANSONIA, Capt. OSTERHOUDT, will leave the Pier foot of Franklin-st. every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, afternoon at 5 o'clock. Returning, will leave Saugerties TUESDAY and FRIDAY afternoons at the same hour.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

FURNITURE.

CARPETS AND FURNITURE.—H. O'FARRELL has just received in his spring stock of royal velvet body and tapestry carpets, three-ply and ingrain do., oil-cloths, lace curtains, window shades, &c., &c. The largest assortment of parlor, bedroom and office furniture to be found in the City; everything just as represented; call and see our large assortment, Nos. 486 and 488 8th-av., and around the corner, Nos. 267 to 271 33d-st.

FURNITURE, FURNITURE—AT LARGELY reduced prices. BRAUNSDORF & METZ, manufacturers, Nos. 125 and 127 Rivington-st., between Norfolk and Essex sts., offer their large and well assorted stock of first-class furniture, consisting of sitting-room, parlor, library, bedroom and dining-room suites of the latest styles, to the public at wholesale prices. N. B.—All goods warranted.

A. L. SATTERSON, FURNITURE EXPRESS and Furniture Storage Establishment, Nos. 667, 669 and 695 6th-av., between 39th and 40th sts. Furniture boxed and shipped or moved in or out of the City. N. B.—The best storage stores and rooms for furniture by load or rooms. Unexceptionable references and twenty years' experience.

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PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS
Will be received by the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Wednesday, the 1st day of April next, at 4 o'clock P. M., for altering and repairing the building, &c., on lot No. 76 Mulberry-st., near Broome-st. Plans and specifications of said alterations and repairs can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Repairs, No. 149 Grand-st., third floor. Two responsible and approved sureties, whose names must accompany the proposal, for the faithful performance of the contract—will be required from the successful bidder. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals offered, if deemed for the public interest to do so.
Dated March 19, 1868.
WILSON SMALL,
HORATIO F. ALLEN,
PETER H. JACKSON,
TIMOTHY BRENNAN,
OTTO T. DOOR,
Committee on Buildings.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, (and nowhere else,) until MONDAY, the 6th day of April, 1868, at 12 o'clock, noon, for supplying the COAL and WOOD required for the Public Schools in the City for the ensuing year; say six thousand five hundred (6,500) tons of coal, and three thousand (3,000) cords of oak wood, and one thousand one hundred (1,100) cords of pine wood, more or less.
The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace and stove sizes, in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins at the several school buildings. The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal, (to be furnished from the mines named,) if accepted, and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.
The oak wood must be of the best quality, the sticks not less than three (3) feet long, and not less than three (3) inches in diameter.
The pine wood must be of the best quality, not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches long.
The proposals must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight (128) cubic feet, solid measure, for both pine and oak wood, and also the price per cord for sawing and splitting per load—the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies.
The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools when ordered, as follows:
Two-thirds of the quantity required from the first day of June to the twenty-fifth day of August, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies.
Said wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered sawed, and when required, split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority. The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the 25th day of May, 1868. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied with the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties.
No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor for putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of said schools.
Proposals must be directed to the "Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education," and should be indorsed "Proposals for Coal," or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.
The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered.
TIMOTHY BRENNAN,
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE,
THOMAS J. HALL,
JAMES B. DUPIGNAC,
JOHN JASPER,
Committee on Supplies.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE, No. 71 STATE-ST., ALBANY, N. Y., March 23, 1868.
SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until noon, WEDNESDAY, April 8, 1868, for furnishing to the United States, from six hundred and fifty thousand to eight hundred and fifty thousand feet, more or less, of eight inch by twelve inch sawed hemlock timber, pieces to be not less than twenty-five feet long, and to be delivered at the dykes on Hudson River, between Troy and New Baltimore, in rafts strong enough to stand almost any waves.
Bids will be received for so much per thousand feet, and must be made on printed forms, properly certified.
Forms for proposals can be obtained at this office, where full particulars will be given. The successful bidder will be required to enter into contract with the United States with good and sufficient sureties; stamps for contracts and bonds to be furnished by the contractor. The United States reserve the right to reject all bids deemed disadvantageous.
By order of Brevet Major-Gen. JOHN NEWTON.
JOHN M. WILSON,
Major Engineers and Brevet Lieut.-Col., U. S. A.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED AND WILL be received at the office of the subscriber for about 8,000 square yards trap rock chips, broken to the size of 2½ inches, for macadamizing roads, (or any portion,) delivered at the dock at the drawbridge, Bronx River, Westchester Farms, and at the dock in the village of Westchester. Cash will be paid on delivery. WM. WATSON, Nos. 172 and 174 Church-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., New-York, Jan. 13, 1868.
NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the Assessment Rolls of the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1868, will be open to inspection and revision on and after MONDAY, Jan. 13, 1868, and will remain open till the 30th day of April, 1868, for the correction of errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons believing themselves to be aggrieved, must make application to the Commissioners during the above mentioned period, or to obtain the relief provided by law. The act of 1859 provides that "during the time the books shall be open to public inspection, as hereinbefore provided, application may be made by any person considering himself aggrieved by the assessed valuation of his real or personal estate, to have the same corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of real estate, it must be made in writing, stating the ground of objection thereto, and thereupon the Commissioners shall examine into the complaint, and if, in their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of personal estate, the applicant shall be exam ned under oath by the said Commissioners, who shall be authorized to administer such oaths, or any of them; and if, in his or their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected, and fix the amount of such assessment as they may believe to be just, and declare their decision thereon within thirty days after such application shall have been made to them. No reduction shall be made by the Board of Supervisors of any assessment on real or personal estate imposed under this act, unless it shall appear, under oath or affirmation, that the party aggrieved was unable to attend within the period prescribed for the corrections of taxes, by reason of sickness or absence from the City."
JONATHAN W. ALLEN,
IRA G. MILLER,
JAMES M. RAYMOND,
Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are open for the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:
1st.—For building sewers in Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth streets, from Tenth-avenue to and through Eleventh-avenue, with branch in Tenth-avenue.
2d.—For building sewers in Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets, between Third and Fourth avenues, with branches to manholes.
3d.—For building a sewer in Sixth-avenue, from Fifty-ninth-street to and through Fifty-fourth-street to fifty feet east of seventh-avenue.
The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on
1st.—Both sides of Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth streets, from Tenth to Eleventh-avenue; also, both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Thirty-third to Thirty-fourth-street; also, both sides of Eleventh-avenue, from Thirty-second to Thirty-fourth-street.
2d.—Both sides of Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets, from Third to Fourth-avenue; also, the east side of Fourth-avenue, from seventy-fifth to Seventy-seventh-street.
3d.—Both sides of Sixth-avenue, from Fifty-third to Fifty-ninth-street; also, the north side of Fifty-third-street and both sides of Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, from Sixth to Seventh-avenue; also, the north side of Fifty-third-street and both sides of Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, from Fifth to Sixth-avenue.
All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to Jacob F. Oakley, Clerk of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers-street, basement New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.
JACOB F. OAKLEY, } Board
JOHN D. OTTIWELL, } of
ISAAC C. HUNT, } Assessors.
OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, March 31, 1868.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of Forty-second and Thirty-first-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River, (where not already opened,) in the City of New-York.—Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, 1868, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of One Hundred and Forty-second, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River, (where not already opened,) in said City, as laid out on the map or plan of the City, under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New-York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807.
RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.
Dated New-York, March 21, 1868.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of Forty-second and Thirty-first-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River, (where not already opened,) in the City of New-York.—Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the above-entitled matter, will meet at the office of the Clerk of the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1868, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of the execution of the duties of their appointment.
Dated New-York, March 21, 1868.
RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the opening of Eighty-second-street, from the Second-avenue to the Fifth-avenue, (where not already opened,) in the City of New-York.—Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, 1868, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended is the opening of Eighty-second-street, from the Second-avenue to the Fifth-avenue, (where not already opened,) in said City, as laid out on the map or plan of the City, under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and roads in the City of New-York, and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807.
RICHARD O'GORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.
Dated New-York, March 21, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, ACCORDING to law, to all persons having claims against HARMAN SPEER, late of the County of Richmond, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, Administrators of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, at their residence at Port Richmond, in the Town of Northfield and County of Richmond, on or before the 25th day of June next.—Dated this 23d day of December, 1867.
DAVID J. JONES,
MARY ELLEN JONES,
Administrators.
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IMPEACHMENT.

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which Mr. STANTON was then an honored member, beloved by its chief; and if the respondent deserted the principles under which he was elected, betrayed his trust, and sought to return rebels, whom the valor of our armies had subdued, again into power, are not those reasons not only why Mr. STANTON should not desert his post, but, as a true patriot, maintain it all the more firmly against this unlooked-for treachery? Is it not known to you, Senators, and to the country, that Mr. STANTON retains this unpleasant and distasteful position, not at his own will alone, but at the behest of a majority of those who represent the people of this country in both Houses of the Legislature, and after the solemn decision of the Senate that any attempt to remove him without their concurrence is unconstitutional and unlawful? To desert it now, therefore, would be to imitate the treachery of his accidental chief. But whatever may be the construction of the "Tenure of Civil Office act" by others, or as regards others, ANDREW JOHNSON, the respondent, is committed upon it. He permitted Mr. STANTON to exercise the duties of his office in spite of it, if that office was affected by it. He suspended him under its provisions; he reports that suspension to the Senate, with its reasons therefore in accordance with its provisions; and the Senate, acting under it, declined to concur with him, whereby Mr. STANTON was reinstated. In the well-known language of the law, is not the respondent estopped by his solemn official acts from denying the legality and constitutional propriety of Mr. STANTON's position?

Before proceeding further I desire most earnestly to bring the attention of the Senate to the averments of the President in his answer, by which he justifies his action in attempting to remove Mr. STANTON, and the reasons which controlled him in so doing. He claims that on the 12th day of August last he had become fully of the opinion that he had the power to remove Mr. STANTON or any other executive officer, or suspend him from office and to appoint any other person to act instead "indefinitely and at his pleasure;" that he was fully advised and believed, as he still believes, that the Tenure of Civil Office act was unconstitutional, inoperative and void in all its provisions; and that he had then determined at all hazards, if STANTON could not be otherwise got rid of, to remove him from office in spite of the provisions of that act, and the action of the Senate under it, if for no other purpose, in order to raise for a judicial decision the question affecting the lawful right of said STANTON to persist in refusing to quit said office. Thus, it appears that with full intent to resist the power of the Senate, to hold the Tenure-of-Office Act void, and to exercise this illimitable power claimed by him, he did suspend Mr. STANTON, apparently in accordance with the provisions of the act; he did send the message to the Senate within the time prescribed by the act; he did give his reasons for the suspension to the Senate, and argued which he claimed to be the evidence of the official misconduct of Mr. STANTON, and thus invoke the action of the Senate to assist him in displacing a high officer of the Government under the provisions of an act which he at that very moment believed to be unconstitutional, inoperative and void, thereby showing that he was willing to make use of a void act and the Senate of the United States as his tools, to do that which he believed neither had any Constitutional power to do. Did not every member of the Senate, when that message came in announcing the suspension of Mr. STANTON, understand and believe that the President was acting in this case as he had done in every other case under the provisions of this act? Did not both sides discuss it on the question under its provisions? Would any Senator upon this floor on either side demean himself as to consider the question one moment if he had known it was then within the intent and purpose of the President of the United States to treat the deliberations and action of the Senate as void and of no effect if its decision did not comport with his views and purposes? And yet, while acknowledging the intent was in his mind to hold as naught the judgment of the Senate if it did not concur with his own, and remove Mr. STANTON at all hazards, and so I charge it upon him here, as a fact no man can doubt, with the full knowledge also that the Senate understood that he was acting under the provisions of the Tenure of Office act, still was deceiving them, when answering to them as a violation of that act in his solemn answer he makes the shameless avowal that he did transmit to the Senate of the United States a "message wherein he made known the orders aforesaid, and the reasons which induced the same, so far as the respondent then considered it material and necessary that the same should be set forth." True it is, there is not one word, one letter, one implication in that message that the President was not acting in good faith under the Tenure of Office act, and desiring the Senate to do the same. So the President of the United States, with a determination to assert at all hazards the tremendous power of removal of every officer, without the consent of the Senate, did not deem it "material or necessary" that the Senate should know that he had suspended Mr. STANTON indefinitely, against the provisions of the Tenure of Office act, with full intent, at all hazards, to remove him, and that the solemn deliberations of the Senate, which the President of the United States was then calling upon them to make in a matter of the highest governmental concern, were only to be of use in case they suited his purposes; that it was not "material or necessary" for the Senate to know that its high decision was futile and useless; that the President was playing fast and loose with this branch of the Government—a sort of "heads I win, tails you lose" game—which was never before exercised save by thimble-riggers and sharpers.

If ANDREW JOHNSON never committed any other offence—if we knew nothing of him save from this avowal—we should still have a full picture of his mind and heart, painted in colors of living light, so that no man will ever mistake his mental and moral lineaments hereafter. Instead of open and frank dealing, as becomes the head of a great Government in every relation of life, and especially needful from the highest Executive officer of the Government to the highest Legislative branch thereof; instead of a manly, straightforward bearing, claiming openly and distinctly the rights which he believed pertained to his high office, and yielding to the other branches fairly and justly those which belong to them, we find him, upon his own written confession, keeping back his claims of power, concealing his motives, covering his purposes, attempting by indirection and subterfuge, to do that as the ruler of a great nation, which, if it should be done at all, should have been boldly, in the face of day, and upon this position he must stand before the Senate and the country if they believe his answer, which I do not, that he had at that time these intents and purposes in his mind, and they are not the subterfuge and evasion and afterthought which a criminal brought to bay makes to escape the consequences of his act.

Senators! he asked you for time in which to make his answer. You gave him ten days; and this is the answer he makes. If he could do this in ten days what should we have had if you had given him forty? You show him a mercy in not extending the time for answer.

HOW VACANCIES ARE TO BE FILLED.

Passing from further consideration of the legality of the action of the respondent of removing Mr. STANTON from office in the manner and form and with the intent and purpose with which it has been done, let us now examine the appointment of Brevet Major-General LORENZO THOMAS, of the United States Army, as Secretary of War *ad interim*. I assume that it is not denied in any quarter that this *ad interim* appointment to this office is a mere creature of law, and if justified at all, is to be so under some act of Congress. Indeed, the respondent in his answer says that in the appointment of Gen. GRANT *ad interim*, he acted under the act of Feb. 13, 1795, and (subject to its limitations. By the act of Aug. 7, 1789,) creating the Department of War, (1st Statutes at Large, page 49,) "in case of any vacancy," no provision is made for an appointment of *an ad interim* Secretary. In that case the records and papers are to be turned over for safe-keeping to the Chief Clerk. This apparent omission to provide for an executive emergency, was attempted to be remedied by Congress of May 8, 1792, (1st Statutes, 281,) which provides:

"That in case of the death, absence from the seat of Government, or sickness of the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, or Secretary of the War Department, or of any officer of either of the said departments, whose appointment is not in the head thereof, whereby they cannot perform the duties of their respective offices, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, in case he shall think it necessary, to authorize any person or persons, at his discretion, to perform the duties of the said respective offices until a successor be appointed, or until such absence or inability by sickness shall cease."

It will be observed that this act provides for vacancies by death, absence, or sickness only, whereby the head of a department or any officer in it cannot perform his duty, but makes no provision for vacancy by removal. Two difficulties were found in that provision of law: First, that it provided only for enumerated vacancies; and also, it authorized the President to make an acting officer of any person for any length of time. To meet these difficulties the act of the 13th of February, 1795, was passed, (1st Stat. at Large, 415,) which provides:

"In case of vacancy, whereby the Secretaries or any officer in any of the departments cannot perform the duties of his office, the President may appoint any person to perform the duties for a period not exceeding six months."

Thus the law stood as to acting appointments in all of the departments (except the Navy and Interior, which had no provision for any person to act in place of the Secretary,) until the 19th of February, 1863, when, by the second section of an act approved at that date, (12th Stat. 646,) it was provided

That no person, acting or assuming to act as a civil, military, or naval officer, shall have any money paid to him as salary in any office which is not authorized by some general annually existing law.

The state of the law upon this subject at that point of time is thus: In case of death, absence, or sickness, or of any vacancy whereby a Secretary or other officer of the State, War, or Treasury Department could not perform the duties of the office, any person could be authorized by the President to perform those duties for the space of six months. For the Departments of the Interior and the Navy provision had been made for the appointments of an Assistant Secretary, but no provision in case of vacancy in his office, and a restriction put upon any officers acting when not authorized by law, from receiving any salary whatever. To meet those omissions, and to meet the case of resignation of any officer of any executive department, and also to meet the last defect in allowing the President to appoint any person to those high offices for the space of six months, whether such person had any acquaintance with the duties of the department or not, an act was passed February 20, 1863, (12 Stat., p. 656,) which provides:

"That in case of the death, resignation, absence from the seat of Government, or sickness of the head of an executive department, or of any officer of either of the said departments, whose appointment is not in the head thereof, whereby they cannot perform the duties of their respective offices, (which) be lawful for the President of the United States, in case he shall think it necessary, to authorize the head of any other executive department, or other officer in either of said departments whose appointment is vested in the President, at his discretion, to perform the duties of the said respective offices until a successor be appointed, or until such absence or inability by sickness shall cease."

Therefore, in case of the death, resignation, sickness, or absence of a head of an Executive department, when by the law the President could not perform the duties of his office, the President might authorize the head of another Executive department to perform the duties of the vacant office, and in case of like disability of any officer of an Executive department other than the head, the President might authorize an officer of the same department to perform his duties for the space of six months. It is remarkable that in all these statutes, from 1789 down, no provision is made for the case of a removal, or that anybody is empowered to act for the removed officer, the Chief Clerk being empowered to take charge of the books and papers only. Does not this series of acts conclusively demonstrate a legislative construction of the Constitution that there could be no removal of the chief of an executive department by the act of the President, save by the nomination and appointment of his successor, if the Senate were in session, or a qualified appointment till the end of the next session if the vacancy happened or was made in recess?

THE APPOINTMENT OF GEN. THOMAS.

Let us now apply this state of the law to the appointment of Major-Gen. THOMAS, Secretary of War *ad interim* by Executive order. Mr. STANTON had neither died nor resigned, was not sick nor absent. If he had been, under the act of March 3, 1863, which repeals all inconsistent acts, the President was authorized only to appoint the head of another executive department to fill the place *ad interim*. Such was not Gen. THOMAS. He was simply an officer of the army, the head of a bureau or department of the War Department, and not eligible under the law to be appointed, so that his appointment was an illegal and void act. There have been two cases of *ad interim* appointments which illustrate and confirm this position; the one was the appointment of Lieut.-Gen. SCOTT, Secretary of War, *ad interim*, and the other the appointment of Gen. GRANT, *ad interim*, upon the suspension of Mr. STANTON, in August last. The appointment of Gen. SCOTT was legal, because that was done before the restraining act of March 2, 1863, which requires the detail of the head of another department to act *ad interim*. The appointment of Gen. GRANT to take the place of Mr. STANTON during his suspension would have been illegal under the acts I have cited, he being an officer of the army and not the head of a department, if it had not been authorized by the second section of the "Tenure of Civil Office act," which provides that in case of suspension, and no other, the President may designate "some suitable person to perform temporarily the duties of such office until the next meeting of the Senate." Now, Gen. GRANT was such "suitable person," and was properly enough appointed under that provision. This answers one ground of the defence which is taken by the President—that he did not suspend Mr. STANTON under the "Tenure of Office act," but by his general power of suspension and removal of an officer. If the President did not suspend STANTON under the "Tenure of Office act," because he deemed it unconstitutional and void, then there was no law authorizing him to appoint Gen. GRANT, and that appointment was unauthorized by law and a violation of his oath of office. But the Tenure of Civil Office bill by its express terms forbids any employment, authorization, or appointment of any person in civil office where the appointment is by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, while the Senate is in session. If this act is Constitutional, *i. e.*, if it is not so far in conflict with the paramount law of the land as to be inoperative and void, then the removal of Mr. STANTON and the appointment of General THOMAS are both in direct violation of it, and are declared by it to be high misdemeanors.

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS.

It is possible to conceive of so flagrant a case of unconstitutionality as to be such shadow of jusstification to the Executive, provided one at the same time conceives an equally flagrant case of stupidity, ignorance and imbecility, or worse, in the Representatives of the people and in the Senate of the United States; but both conceptions are so grossly possible and absurd as not to furnish a ground of governmental action. How stands the fact? Has the Supreme Court so frequently declared the laws of Congress in conflict with the Constitution as to afford the President just ground for belief, or hope even, that the Court will do so in a given instance? I think I may safely assert, as a legal fact, that since the first decision of the Supreme Court till the day of this arraignment no law passed by Congress affecting the general welfare has ever, by the judgment of that Court, been set aside or held for nought because of unconstitutionality as the groundwork of its decision. In three cases only has the judgment of that Court been influenced by the supposed conflict between the law and the Constitution, and they were cases affecting the Court itself and its own duties, and where the law seemed to interfere with its own prerogatives. Touching privileges and prerogatives have been the shipwreck of many a wholesome law. It is the sore spot, the sensitive nerve of all tribunals, parliamentary or judicial.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

The first case questioning the validity of a law of Congress is HAYBURN's, (2 Dallas, 409,) where the Court decided upon the unconstitutionality of the act of March 23, 1792, (Statutes at Large, vol. 1, p. 244,) which conferred upon the Court the power to decide upon and grant certificates of invalid pensions. The Court held that such power could not be conferred upon the Court as an original jurisdiction, the power involving all its original jurisdiction from the provisions of the Constitution. This decision would be nearly unintelligible, were it not explained in a note to the case in United States *vs.* Ferrara, (13 Howard, p. 52,) reporing United States *vs.* Todd, decided Feb. 17, 1794. We learn, however, from both cases the cause of this unintelligibility of the decision in HAYBURN's case. When the same question came up at the Circuit Court in New-York, the Judges being of opinion that the law could not be executed by them as Judges, because it was unconstitutional, yet determined to obey it until the case could be adjudicated by the whole Court. They therefore, not to violate the law, did execute it as Commissioners until it was repealed, which was done the next year. The Judges on the Circuit in Pennsylvania all united in a letter to the Executive, most humbly apologizing, with great regret, that their convictions of duty did not permit them to execute the law according to its terms, and took special care that this letter should accompany their decision, so that they might not be misunderstood. Both examples it would have been well for this respondent to have followed before he undertook to set himself to violate an act of Congress.

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The next case is *ex parte* Garland, (4 Wallace, 333,) known as the Attorney's Oath case, where the Court decided that an attorney was not an officer of the United States, and, therefore, might practice before that Court without taking the test oath. The reasoning of the Court might throw doubt on the constitutionality of the law of Congress, but the decision of the invalidity of the law was not necessary to the decision of the case, which did not command a unanimity in the Court, as it certainly did not the assent of the bar. Yet in this case it will be observed that the Court made a rule requiring the oath to be administered to the attorneys in obedience of the law, until it came before them in a cause duly brought up for decision. The Supreme Court obeyed the law up to the time it was set aside. They did not violate it to make a test case.

Here is another example to this respondent as to his duty in the case, which he will wish he had followed, I may venture to say, when he hears the judgment of the Senate upon the impeachment now pending. There are several other cases wherein the validity of acts of Congress have been discussed before the Supreme Court, but none where the decision has turned on that point. In Marbury *vs.* Madison, (1 Cranch, 137,) Chief Justice MARSHALL dismissed the case for want of jurisdiction, but took opportunity to deliver a chiding opinion against the administration of JEFFERSON before he did so. In the Dred Scott case, so familiar to the public, the Court decided it had no jurisdiction, but gave the Government and people a lecture upon their political duties. In the case of Fisher *vs.* Bilgh, (2 Cranch, 358,) the constitutionality of a law was very much discussed, but was held valid by the decision of the Court. In United States *vs.* Coombs, (3 Peters, 72,) although the power to declare a law of Congress in conflict with the Constitution was discussed, no decision was made. In Wayman *vs.* Southard, (10 Wheaton, 1,) the question was distinctly made, but there was no law authorizing him to appoint Gen. GRANT, and that appointment was unauthorized by law and a violation of his oath of office. But the Tenure of Civil Office bill by its express terms forbids any employment, authorization, or appointment of any person in civil office where the appointment is by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, while the Senate is in session. If this act is Constitutional, *i. e.*, if it is not so far in conflict with the paramount law of the land as to be inoperative and void, then the removal of Mr. STANTON and the appointment of General THOMAS are both in direct violation of it, and are declared by it to be high misdemeanors.

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